

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2822  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022

**Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas**

2822. SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD:

SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

SHRI CHANDAN SINGH:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:

SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing residential schools under Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) for the girl students from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Castes, Minority Communities and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in educationally backward blocks;

(b) if so, the number of students provided such educational facilities during the last five years and the current year State/UT-wise;

(c) the norms/criteria adopted for opening of KGBVs in the country along with the objectives for setting up such Vidyalayas;

(d) the number of KGBVs functioning along with number of teachers in these Vidyalayas at present, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the female literacy rate in rural areas was below national average and if so, whether the KGBVs has been able to improve the rural literacy rate in educationally backward blocks; and

(f) whether the Government is considering to open more KGBVs in the country, particularly in all the Educationally Backward Blocks of the country so as to improve female literacy rate and if so, details thereof State-wise?

**A N S W E R**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) & (b): Yes sir. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) is a provision under Samagra Shiksha, a flagship scheme of Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education. KGBVs are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and Below Poverty Line (BPL). As on 10.03.2022, a total of 5627 KGBVs have been sanctioned in the country. Out of

it, 5018 KGBVs are operational with the enrolment of 665130 girls. Category-wise enrolment of girls in KGBVs is as under:

Total KGBVs Functional	Enrollment					
	SC Girls	ST Girls	OBC Girls	Muslim Girls	BPL Girls	Total Girls
5018	183091	172837	236352	26438	46412	665130

(Source : Prabandh)

State/UT-wise list of KGBVs with the number of girls enrolled during the last five years and in the current year is at Annexure-I.

(c) : KGBVs are setup in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) of the country where female rural literacy rate is below the national average i.e. 46.13% as per Census 2001 with the objective to ensure access and quality education to girls belongs to disadvantaged groups and to reduce gender gaps at all levels of school education.

Initially, the EBBs were defined as blocks where rural female literacy rate is below the national average i.e. 46.13% as per Census 2001 and Gender Gap in Literacy being above the national average of 21.59%. Both these criteria had been earmarked by the Registrar General of India (RGI). Further, the definition of EBBs has been revised in 2010 to include blocks where female rural literacy rate is below the national average i.e. 46.13% as per Census 2001.

(d) : State/UT-wise list of functioning KGBVs along with number of teachers as on 10.03.2022 is at Annexure-II.

(e) : The female rural literacy rate has increased from 46.13% as per Census 2001 to 57.93% as per Census 2011.

(f) : Presently, all the EBBs are covered with KGBVs.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2822 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022 ASKED BY SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD, SHRI AJAY NISHAD, SHRI CHANDAN SINGH, SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE, SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA, DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S., SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE, DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHERE REGARDING “KASTURBA GANDHI BALIKA VIDYALAYAS”.

**State/UT-wise list of KGBVs with the number of girls enrolled during the last five years and in the current year**

S. No	State Name	Girls enrolled					
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (as on 10.03.2022)
1	Andhra Pradesh	43636	43636	77906	89863	94586	95662
2	Arunachal	5483	5483	5528	5646	7422	7433
3	Assam	3000	3000	6723	8077	9776	10084
4	Bihar	50569	49949	54017	54545	57175	59291
5	Chhattisgarh	9284	9283	16681	16528	16745	15906
6	Dadra And Nagar	44	33	116	117	84	100
7	Gujarat	6577	6385	15175	16016	17706	18176
8	Haryana	2536	2536	3390	3826	4362	5407
9	Himachal Pradesh	481	492	757	783	795	795
10	Jammu And Kashmir	4147	4253	4075	4173	4171	4258
11	Jharkhand	26083	26083	77207	65167	70377	70377
12	Karnataka	8133	8210	12567	13170	12405	12626
13	Kerala	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	799	799
15	Madhya Pradesh	28715	28715	49956	50141	49749	51593
16	Maharashtra	4281	4018	5362	5996	6471	6953
17	Manipur	1113	1113	1628	1493	2156	2165
18	Meghalaya	500	500	500	500	500	500
19	Mizoram	100	100	132	132	150	150
20	Nagaland	1100	1100	1100	1118	1600	1800
21	Odisha	18249	18400	20443	27500	29256	30969
22	Punjab	1593	1559	2604	2496	2731	2803
23	Rajasthan	19578	19984	37322	38419	40474	40022
24	Sikkim	119	159	206	210	210	210
25	Tamil Nadu	4534	4465	8585	8816	9171	9162
26	Telangana	44698	44698	99445	118600	121933	123806
27	Tripura	800	800	1530	1516	1634	1670
28	Uttar Pradesh	73203	73203	74881	76203	78398	78820
29	Uttarakhand	1357	1335	2998	3261	3430	3496
30	West Bengal	7937	7937	10129	10129	10097	10097
<b>Total</b>		<b>367850</b>	<b>367429</b>	<b>590963</b>	<b>624441</b>	<b>654363</b>	<b>665130</b>

(Source: Prabandh)

**ANNEXURE-II**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2822 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022 ASKED BY SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD, SHRI AJAY NISHAD, SHRI CHANDAN SINGH, SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE, SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA, DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S., SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE, DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHERE REGARDING “KASTURBA GANDHI BALIKA VIDYALAYAS”.

**State/UT-wise list of functioning KGBVs along with number of teachers**

S. No.	State	No. of KGBVs Functional	Teachers*
1	Andhra Pradesh	499	5095
2	Ar. Pradesh	65	606
3	Assam	122	1111
4	Bihar	644	2403
5	Chhattisgarh	121	867
6	D & N Haveli	2	6
7	Gujarat	164	843
8	Haryana	66	224
9	Himachal Pradesh	13	55
10	J & K	89	703
11	Jharkhand	203	2315
12	Karnataka	144	791
13	Kerala	0	0
14	Ladakh	14	85
15	Madhya Pradesh	408	1832
16	Maharashtra	86	393
17	Manipur	12	118
18	Meghalaya	10	90
19	Mizoram	2	7
20	Nagaland	20	65
21	Odisha	243	792
22	Punjab	29	157
23	Rajasthan	316	1539
24	Sikkim	1	9
25	Tamil Nadu	105	641
26	Telangana	696	6755
27	Tripura	15	42
28	Uttar Pradesh	760	5282
29	Uttarakhand	48	139
30	West Bengal	121	775
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5018</b>	<b>33740</b>

*\*including warden, head teachers, full time teachers, part time teachers & urdu teachers*

*(Source: Prabandh)*