

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2361
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022**

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYAS IN ODISHA

**2361. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that there is a need to open more educational institutions for enhancing educational facilities in remote regions of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas opened/ proposed to be opened during the current year, State/ UT-wise including Odisha;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan/ received any proposal to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in different parts of the country particularly in Kuchinda, Athmallik & Chendipada in the State of Odisha during current academic session and if so, the details thereof along with details of pending requests;
- (e) whether the Government of Odisha has signed any MOU with Education Ministry for providing infrastructure like land, water & electricity for establishment of Kendriya Vidyalayas at these three places and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government has kept any budgetary allocation for the same and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Central Government Schools namely Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) are under the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education. Opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas is a continuous process. At present, 1248 KVs and 650 JNVs are functional across the country.

KVs are opened primarily to cater to the educational needs of the wards of transferable Central Government employees including Defence & Para-Military

personnel, Central Autonomous Bodies, Central Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Central Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) by providing a common programme of education throughout the country. KVs are not opened on the criteria of remote / rural regions.

JNVs are opened for providing good quality modern education to the talented children predominantly from rural areas. At least 75% seats are reserved for the students from rural areas and almost all the JNVs have been established in rural / backward areas of the country. Opening of new JNVs depends on the willingness of the concerned State Government / UT administration to make available requisite suitable land free of cost for construction of the permanent building and making available required temporary building, free of rent, to run the Vidyalaya till the permanent building is constructed. However, actual sanction and opening of new JNV depends on the availability of funds and approval by the Competent Authority. All the districts of the States/UTs (as on 31st May, 2014), which have accepted the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme, have been covered under this scheme.

(c) Proposals for opening of new KVs are considered only if sponsored by Ministries or Departments of the Government of India / State Governments / Union Territories (UTs) Administrations and committing resources for setting up a new KV. The proposals received from various sponsoring authorities found fulfilling the mandatory pre-requisites for opening of new KVs have to compete with other such proposals under the "Challenge Method" and subject to approval of the competent authority. 01 KV at BSF Gokulnagar in the State of Tripura and 03 KVs at MCL Jagannath Area, MCL Sabhadra Area and IIT Bhubaneswar in the State of Odisha have been opened during the current year.

(d) At present, 66 KVs are functioning in the State of Odisha. Proposals for opening of new KVs at Kuchinda and Athmallik district of Odisha have been received by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS). KVS has not received any proposal in the prescribed proforma for opening of new KV at Chendipada, Odisha from the State Government.

(e) No such Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Government of Odisha and Department of School Education & Literacy.

(f) Budgetary support is provided every year as Grants-in-aid to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan under three distinct heads viz. Salaries, General and Creation of Capital Assets to set up and functioning of KVs. This allocation is made on a consolidated basis and not State / UT-wise.
