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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2090**  
ANSWERED ON 09/12/2024

**SC/ST AND MARGINALIZED GROUP STUDENTS IN KGBVs**

2090. Shri Navaskani K:  
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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of students from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other marginalized groups enrolled in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs);
- (b) the special measures are being taken by the Government to increase enrollment from these communities;
- (c) the number of teachers currently employed in KGBVs;
- (d) whether any specific training programme has been designed by the Government to train teachers in these schools;
- (e) the number of KGBVs established in aspirational districts and the status of enrollment of children therein; and
- (f) whether any health and nutrition facilities like Mid-day-meals, medical check-ups, being provided by the Government in these vidyalayas, if so, the current status thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a): Category-wise enrolment in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) as on 20.11.2024 is as under:

<b>Total KGBVs functional</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>OBC</b>	<b>BPL</b>	<b>Others</b>
5,133	1,93,302	1,83,440	2,59,092	46,858	28,761

(Source: Prabandh Portal)

(b): Samagra Shiksha supports States/UTs in universalizing elementary education, including girls' education. These include residential school facilities for girls in habitations un-served by regular schools, emphasis on recruitment of female teachers, provision of free text-books, uniforms, etc. Further, States/UTs also conduct special enrolment drives, awareness campaign on child marriage, community involvement, extra-curricular activities to retain girls in KGBVs.

(c): As informed by States/UTs, there are 24,177 teachers in KGBVs.

(d): Under Samagra Shiksha, the National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) is an integrated teacher training program aimed at equipping teachers and head teachers, including teachers of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs), to foster critical thinking among students and improve the quality of education and learning outcomes. NISHTHA has now been expanded to cover teachers at all stages of schooling.

As part of NISHTHA, teachers are oriented on various aspects such as learning outcomes, competency-based learning and assessment, learner-centered pedagogy, school safety and security, personal and social qualities, inclusive education, and the use of ICT in teaching, including artificial intelligence. Additionally, the training covers health and well-being (including yoga), new initiatives in school education (e.g., library, eco-club, youth club, kitchen garden), school leadership development, environmental concerns, pre-school and pre-vocational education, and school-based assessments, all delivered in a joyful and engaging manner.

(e): A total of 1,114 KGBVs are functional in aspirational districts with an enrolment of 1,81,822 girls.

(f): Since, KGBVs are residential schools, among other facilities, nutritious food is provided to the girls of KGBV. Further, there are provisions made for medical care/contingency in the Samagra Shiksha scheme. Financial assistance is provided to the States/UTs for making adequate provisions for medical care, managing any medical contingency, menstrual hygiene etc. of girls residing in KGBVs.

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