

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) follows a holistic approach to improve the quality of elementary education and subject to certain norms, provides for opening of new primary schools, upgradation of primary schools to upper primary schools, construction of school buildings, construction of additional classrooms to improve the students classroom ratio, recruitment of additional teachers to improve the pupil teacher ratio, in-service training of the teachers and training of the teachers and training of untrained teachers, provision of text books, learning enhancement programme, remedial teaching, school and teacher grant and regular academic support to the school through Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres to improve the quality of classroom practices.

Model Degree Colleges are being established one each in 374 educationally backward districts with low GER. These colleges will predominantly serve rural areas and districts with concentration of population of SC/ST/Minorities.

UGC has taken a number of steps to bring in academic reforms in the Central and State Universities such as examination reforms including continuous internal assessment, introduction of credit-based courses, semester system, institutional mobility of students, credit accumulation and credit transfer, regular updating of curricula etc.

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 which provides for free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of six to fourteen years and the Constitution Eighty-sixth Amendment Act have come into force from 1st April, 2010.

Opening of Model Colleges

630. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether locations have been identified for opening more Model Colleges in educationally backward districts, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the funding pattern between the Centre and the States and the modalities worked out in this regard, so far; and
- (c) by when these colleges are likely to be made functional in the country, particularly in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATID. PURANDESWARI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. 374 educationally backward districts where Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education is less than the national GER have been identified for setting up of a Model Degree College. A list of these districts is given in Statement (See below). Seven districts in Maharashtra, namely, Buldana, Gadchiroli, Hingoli, Jalna, Raigarh, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg are covered. Under the Scheme, the Central Government shall provide assistance to the extent of one third of the capital cost for establishment of each college, limited to Rs. 2.67 crore. for special category states, the Central share shall be 50% of the capital cost limited to Rs. 4 crore for each college. During the

remaining period of the Eleventh Five Year Plan, provision exists for establishing 200 model colleges in identified districts, with priority being given to special category states and districts having concentration of weaker sections and minorities as well as other districts in Schedule V and Schedule VI areas. Those colleges which have been established on or after 1st January, 2008 in identified districts shall also be eligible to be covered under this Scheme, subject to their satisfying the guidelines of University Grants Commission in respect of model colleges.

The Ministry of Human Resource has written to all State Governments/UT Administrations to send their proposals for establishment of new model degree colleges in the identified districts.

Statement

List of 374 identified Higher Educationally Backward Districts

1. Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Lower Subansiri
Andamans	Tawang
Nicobars	Tirap
2. Andhra Pradesh	Upper Siang
Adilabad	Upper Subansiri
Anantapur	West Kameng
East Godavari	West Siang
Kurnool	4. Assam
Mahbubnagar	Bongaigaon
Medak	Cachar
Nizamabad	Darrang
Prakasam	Dhubri
Srikakulam	Goalpara
Vizianagaram	Hailakandi
West Godavari	Karbi Anglong
3. Arunachal Pradesh	Karimganj
Changlang	Marigaon
Dibang Valley	Nagaon
East Kameng	Sonitpur
Lohit	Tinsukia

<p>5. Bihar</p> <p>Araria</p> <p>Aurangabad</p> <p>Banka</p> <p>Begusarai</p> <p>Darbhanga</p> <p>Gopalganj</p> <p>Jamui</p> <p>Kaimur</p> <p>Katihar</p> <p>Khagaria</p> <p>Kishanganj</p> <p>Lakhisarai</p> <p>Madhepura</p> <p>Madhubani</p> <p>Nawada</p> <p>W. Champaran</p> <p>E. Champaran</p> <p>Purnia</p> <p>Saharsa</p> <p>Samastipur</p> <p>Sheohar</p> <p>Sitamarhi</p> <p>Siwan</p> <p>Supaul</p> <p>Vaishali</p> <p>6. Chhattisgarh</p> <p>Bastar</p> <p>Bilaspur</p> <p>Dantewada</p>	<p>Dhamtari</p> <p>Durg</p> <p>Janjgir -champa</p> <p>Jashpur</p> <p>Kanker</p> <p>Kawardha</p> <p>Koriya</p> <p>Mahasamund</p> <p>Raigarh</p> <p>Raipur</p> <p>Rajnandgaon</p> <p>Surguja</p> <p>7. Dadra and Nagar Haveli</p> <p>Dadra and Nagar Haveli</p> <p>8. Daman and Diu</p> <p>Daman</p> <p>Diu</p> <p>9. Gujarat</p> <p>Amreli</p> <p>Banas Kantha</p> <p>Bharuch</p> <p>Bhavnagar</p> <p>Dohad</p> <p>Jamnagar</p> <p>Junagad</p> <p>Kachchh</p> <p>Kheda</p> <p>Mahesana</p> <p>Narmada</p> <p>Panch Mahals</p>
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Patan	Punch
Porbandar	Rajauri
Rajkot	Udhampur
Sabar Kantha	13. Jharkhand
Surat	Chatra
Surendranagar	Deoghar
The Dangs	Dumka
Valsad	Garhwa
10. Haryana	Giridih
Fatehabad	Godda
Gurgaon	Gumla
Jind	Kodarma
Kaithal	Pakaur
Karnal	Palamu
Panipat	P. Singhbhum
Sirsa	Sahibganj
11. Himachal Pradesh	14. Karnataka
Chamba	Bagalkot
Kinnaur	Bangalore Rural
Lahul and Spiti	Belgaum
Sirmaur	Bellary
12. Jammu and Kashmir	Bijapur
Anantnag	Chamarajanagar
Badgam	Chikmagalur
Baramula	Chitradurga
Doda	Dakshina Kannada
Kargil	Gadag
Kathua	Hassan
Kupwara	Haveri
Leh	Kodagu

Kolar	Katni
Koppal	Mandla
Mandya	Mandsaur
Raichur	Morena
Tumkur	Narsimhapur
Udupi	Neemuch
Uttara Kannada	Panna
15. Kerala	Raisen
Kasaragod	Raigarh
Malappuram	Ratlam
Palakkad	Sagar
Wayanad	Satna
16. Lakshadweep	Sehore
Lakshadweep	Seoni
17. Madhya Pradesh	Shahdol
Balaghat	Shajapur
Barwani	Sheopur
Betul	Shivpuri
Bhind	Sidhi
Chhatarpur	Tikamgarh
Chhindwara	Ujjain
Damoh	Umaria
Datia	Vidisha
Dewas	West Nimar
Dhar	18. Maharashtra
Dindori	Buldana
East Nimar	Gadchiroli
Guna	Hingoli
Harda	Jalna
Jhabua	Raigarh

Ratnagiri	Malkangiri
Sindhudurg	Nabarangapur
19. Meghalaya	Nayagarh
East Garo Hills	Nuapada
Jaintia Hills	Rayagada
Ri Bhoi	Sonapur
South Garo Hills	23. Puducherry
West Khasi Hills	Yanam
20. Mizoram	24. Punjab
Champhai	Amritsar
Kolasib	Bathinda
Lawngtlai	Faridkot
Lunglei	Fatehgarh Sahib
Mamit	Firozpur
Saiha	Gurdaspur
Serchhip	Kapurthala
21. Nagaland	Mansa
Mon	Moga
22. Orissa	Muktsar
Anugul	Nawanshahar
Balangir	Patiala
Bargarh	Sangrur
Baudh	25. Rajasthan
Debagarh	Ajmer
Dhenkanal	Alwar
Gajapati	Banswara
Ganjam	Baran
Kalahandi	Barmer
Kandhamal	Bharatpur
Kendujhar	Bhilwara
Koraput	Bikaner

Bundi	Dindigul
Chittaurgarh	Erode
Churu	Kancheepuram
Dausa	Kanniyakumari
Dhaulpur	Karur
Dungarpur	Madurai
Ganganagar	Nagapattinam
Hanumangarh	Perambalur
Jaisalmer	Pudukkottai
Jalor	Ramanathapuram
Jhalawar	Salem
Jhunjhunun	Sivaganga
Jodhpur	Thanjavur
Karauli	The Nilgiris
Nagaur	Theni
Pali	Thiruvallur
Rajsamand	Thiruvarur
Sawai Madhopur	Thoothukkudi
Sikar	Tirunelveli
Sirohi	Tiruvannamalai
Tonk	Vellore
Udaipur	Viluppuram
26. Sikkim	Virudhunagar
East	28. Tripura
North	North Tripura
South	South Tripura
West	West Tripura
27. Tamil Nadu	Dhalai
Ariyalur	29. Uttar Pradesh
Coimbatore	Bahraich
Cuddalore	Balrampur
Dharmapuri	Banda

Barabanki	Shahjahanpur
Bareilly	Shrawasti
Basti	Siddharthnagar
Bijnor	Sitapur
Budaun	Sonbhadra
Bulandshahr	Sultanpur
Chitrakoot	Unnao
Etah	30. Uttaranchal
Farrukhabad	Bageshwar
Fatehpur	Champawat
Gonda	31. West Bengal
Hamirpur	Bankura
Hardoi	Bardhaman
Hathras	Birbhum
Jyotiba P. Nagar	Dakshin Dinajpur
Kannauj	Darjiling
Kanpur Dehat	Haora
Kaushambi	Hugli
Kheri	Jalpaiguri
Kushinagar	Koch Bihar
Lalitpur	Maldah
Maharajganj	Medinipur
Mahoba	Murshidabad
Mathura	Nadia
Moradabad	North 24 Parganas
Muzaffarnagar	Puruliya
Pilibhit	South 24 Parganas
Rae Bareli	Uttar Dinajpur
Rampur	Total Districts = 374
Saharanpur	
Sant Kabir Nagar	