

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 369
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2021

Higher education in educationally backward districts

369 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had announced to identify the educationally backward districts and to make special efforts for development of higher education there;
- (b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far and the number of districts where educational institutes have been opened, so far in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c) : An Expert Committee constituted by the University Grants Commission (UGC) had identified 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) where Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education was less than the national average of 12.4% based on 2001 census data. Under the erstwhile scheme of setting up of Model Degree Colleges (MDC) in 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs), UGC had approved assistance to 64 Model Degree Colleges.

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), which subsumed the above mentioned erstwhile scheme has further approved central support to 130 Model Degree Colleges in unserved and underserved areas such as EBDs, aspirational districts etc.

The State-wise details are annexed.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in parts (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 369 to be answered on 22nd July, 2021 regarding Higher education in educationally backward districts asked by Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.), Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar, Shri Harnath Singh Yadav, Hon'ble MP

State-wise details of Model Degree Colleges approved under erstwhile scheme of setting up of Model Degree College (MDC) in 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) by University Grants Commission and under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)

Name of State/ UT	Units approved by UGC under the erstwhile scheme of Model Degree Colleges	Units approved under RUSA
Andhra Pradesh	-	8
Arunachal Pradesh	6	2
Assam	12	5
Bihar	-	4
Chhattisgarh	-	11
Gujarat	19	-
Haryana	-	1
Himachal Pradesh	-	2
Jammu & Kashmir	8	3
Jharkhand	-	10
Karnataka	-	2
Kerala	-	1
Madhya Pradesh	-	10
Maharashtra	7	2
Meghalaya	-	2
Nagaland	-	2
Odisha	-	14
Punjab	11	3
Rajasthan	-	5
Sikkim	-	2
Telangana	-	7
Tripura	-	4
Uttar Pradesh	-	26
Uttarakhand	-	3
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	-	1
Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu	1	-
TOTAL	64	130
