

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1142
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2021

Educationally backward districts in Karnataka

1142. Shri K.C.Ramamurthy:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- a) the details of districts identified by UGC as educationally backward in Karnataka;
- (b) the measures/steps taken by the Ministry and/or UGC to improve educational standards in such districts; and
- (c) whether any physical targets have been set and if so, the details of targets achieved so far, district-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): 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. Twenty EBDs were identified in the State of Karnataka.

The Centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is being implemented by the Ministry of Education with the aim of promoting access, equity and quality *inter alia*, the scheme provides central assistance to States for creation of model degree colleges, infrastructure grants to college and universities, creation of universities either through upgradation of existing autonomous colleges or clustering of colleges etc.

The Project Approval Board (PAB) of RUSA has approved an amount of Rs. 317 Crore, under various components, for 20 identified EBDs in the State of Karnataka.

(c) : District-wise physical targets are not set under the RUSA Scheme. However, the details of the number of units approved, under various components, for 20 identified EBDs in the State of Karnataka under RUSA Scheme are at **Annexure**.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1142 to be answered on 8th December, 2021 regarding Educationally backward districts in Karnataka asked by Shri K.C.Ramamurthy, Hon'ble M.P.

List of Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) identified as per 2001 census data in the State of Karnataka

S.No	Name of the EBD	No. Units Approved under RUSA Scheme
1.	Bagalkot	0
2.	Bangalore Rural	3
3.	Belgaum	0
4.	Bellary	4
5.	Bijapur	2
6.	Chamarajanagar	2
7.	Chikmagalur,	5
8.	Chitradurga	4
9.	Dakshina Kannada	4
10.	Gadag	2
11.	Hassan	8
12.	Haveri	3
13.	Kodagu	2
14.	Kolar	8
15.	Koppal	2
16.	Mandya	3
17.	Raichur	2
18.	Tumkur,	8
19.	Udupi	6
20.	Uttara Kannada	5