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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2743 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2021

New KVs in Karnataka

2743 SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

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

- (a) whether any new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) are proposed in Karnataka State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has plans to increase the number of seats at several KVs in Bengaluru, where admission demand is very high;
- (d) whether tab gadgets are provided to students for online classes in KVs;
- (e) the existing teacher-student ratio in KVs and based on that whether student admissions are to be increased;
- (f) whether NCC is introduced across all KVs in the country;
- (g) whether Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) are sanctioned in Karnataka; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) is a continuous process. 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. 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. At present, 52 KVs are functioning in the

State of Karnataka. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has informed that the proposal for opening of a new KV No. 2 at Shivamogga, Karnataka has been found fulfilling the mandatory pre-requisites and has to compete with other proposals under the "Challenge Method".

- (c) There is no such proposal to increase the number of seats for admissions in KVs across the country including Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- (d) As far as KVS is concerned, no tab gadgets are provided to students for online classes in KVs.
- (e) The average existing teacher-student ratio in KVs is 1:29. Further, there is no such proposal to increase the number of seats for admissions in KVs.
- (f) Implementation of NCC training in KVs is a continuous process which depends upon the provisions and policy issued by the Directorate General, NCC, Ministry of Defence as well as vacancies and necessary approvals of the Directorate General, NCC. As on date, NCC training has been introduced in 320 KVs.
- (g) & (h) Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and Below Poverty Line (BPL) in the age group of 10-18 years. The KGBVs are set up in Educationally Backward Blocks with an objective to ensure access and quality education to girls of disadvantaged groups by setting up residential schools and to reduce gender gaps at all levels of school education. As on 10.11.2021, 148 KGBVs are sanctioned in the State of Karnataka with total 12405 girls enrolled.
