GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1620 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2022

Setting up of Model Colleges

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up Model Colleges in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of such Model Colleges set up in Tamil Nadu during the last five years;and
- (d) the details of the total number of such Model Colleges proposed to be set up in the coming years, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

- (a) to (c): Under the erstwhile scheme of setting up of Model Degree College (MDC) in 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs), University Grants Commission 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, since inception, central support to 130 MDCs in unserved and underserved areas such as EBDs, aspirational districts etc. In Tamil Nadu, no MDC has been approved under RUSA. However, an amount of Rs. 545.58 crore has been approved for Tamil Nadu as central share for supporting 110 units, including 20 Universities and 85 Colleges, under various components such as Enhancing Quality and Excellence in Select Autonomous Colleges, Enhancing Quality and Excellence in select State Universities, Infrastructure Grants to Colleges, Infrastructure Grants to Universities, Research, Innovation & Quality Improvement and Upgradation of Existing Degree College to Model Degree College.
- (d): Under RUSA, approval of central support to States under various components is given on the basis of appraisal and approval by the Project Approval Board.
