

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 985
ANSWERED ON 04-12-2024

Model Degree Colleges in Educationally Backward Districts

985 Shri P.P. Suneer:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the follow-up action regarding the Ministry's decision to set up Model Degree Colleges in the Educationally Backward Districts (EBD) in the country, State-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the current status of Model Degree Colleges in EBDs, State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the expenditure incurred for setting up Model Degree Colleges, State-wise; and
- (d) the number of functioning Model Degree Colleges after the identification of EBDs, State-wise details?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (d): The government has launched the third phase of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 to cater to the needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas. Under PM-USHA, priority is given to focus districts. The focus districts are identified by the concerned states/UTs based on various criteria, including low gross enrollment ratio, gender parity, population proportion, and enrollment proportion for females, transgenders, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes, aspirational/border area/left-wing extremism-prone districts, etc.

Till date, 49 Erstwhile Model Degree Colleges (MDCs) and 129 New Model Degree Colleges (NMDCs) have been approved with a unit cost of Rs. 8 crores and Rs. 12 crores respectively, under the scheme in various States/UTs. Out of a total of 178 MDCs approved, 158 MDCs are functional. The State-wise status of the MDCs is at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 985 ANSWERED ON 04-12-2024 ASKED BY SHRI P. P. SUNEER, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING MODEL DEGREE COLLEGES IN EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS

State-wise status of Model Degree Colleges (MDCs)

S. No.	States/ UTs	Total Number of MDCs approved	Total Number of functional MDCs *
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	8	8
3	Arunachal Pradesh	8	6
4	Assam	17	11
5	Bihar	4	2
6	Chhattisgarh	11	11
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	1
8	Gujarat	18	18
9	Haryana	1	1
10	Himachal Pradesh	2	2
11	Jammu & Kashmir	3	3
12	Jharkhand	9	9
13	Karnataka	2	2
14	Kerala	1	-
15	Madhya Pradesh	10	10
16	Maharashtra	3	1
17	Meghalaya	2	1
18	Nagaland	2	2
19	Odisha	14	8
20	Punjab	14	14
21	Rajasthan	5	5
22	Sikkim	2	2
23	Telangana	7	7
24	Tripura	4	4
25	Uttar Pradesh	26	26
26	Uttarakhand	3	3
	Total	178	158

* This includes 17 MDCs functional from the transit location in the States/ UTs.
