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KASTURBA GANDHI BALIKA VIDYALAYAS

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Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) which are residential upper primary schools for girls have been opened in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) with rural female literacy below the national average as per Census 2001 with 75% seats allocated to SC, ST, OBC, Muslim & BPL girls. The pay scales and other service benefits of KGBV teachers is a State matter.

Under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, provision for a neighbourhood school within walking distance as per State/UT Government norms is provided under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) school infrastructure component. However, in sparsely populated hilly or densely forested areas with difficult geographical terrain, where opening of new primary or upper primary school may not be viable, and for urban deprived children, homeless and street children in difficult circumstances without adult protection, 263 residential schools have been provided under SSA. The State-wise details are at Annexure-II.

The funds allocated and spent under KGBVs Scheme during the last three years and the current year, year-wise is as under:

Year	Funds Allocated	Expenditure
2011-12	223187.59	108751.39
2012-13	183938.44	91277.00
2013-14	168695.62	104077.21
2014-15	197033.55	32980.45 (upto September, 2014)

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani in a written reply to the Lok Sabha question.
