

### **Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)**

The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) scheme was launched in July 2004, for setting up residential schools at upper primary level for girls belonging predominantly to the SC, ST, OBC and minority communities. The scheme is being implemented in educationally backward blocks of the country where the female rural literacy is below the national average (46.13%) and gender gap in literacy is above the national average (21.67%). The scheme provides for a minimum reservation of 75% of the seats for girls belonging to SC, ST, OBC or minority communities. For the remaining 25%, priority is accorded to girls from families below poverty line. The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya scheme has been merged with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in the XI<sup>th</sup> Plan with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2007.

The scheme is being implemented in 24 States *namely*: Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal and one Union Territory of Dadar & Nagar Haveli.

2180 KGBVs were sanctioned by Government of India upto March 2007. Of these, 270 KGBVs have been sanctioned in Muslim concentration blocks, 583 in ST blocks, 622 in SC blocks.

As on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2008, 1724 KGBVs are reported to be functional (i.e. 79.08%) in the States and 1,23,511 girls enrolled in them. (36634 SC girls (30%); 36392 ST girls (30%); 29909 OBC girls (24.22%); 13933 BPL girls (11%); 6643 Minority girls (5%).

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The National Evaluation of the KGBV scheme was undertaken between 29<sup>th</sup> January to

20<sup>th</sup> February 2007 in 12 States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Orissa, with 12 independent experts in girls education and another joint Evaluation of NPEGEL & KGBV scheme has been conducted from 19<sup>th</sup> November to 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2007 in States of Assam, Manipur, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Mizoram, Tripura and Dadar & Nagar Haveli.

The criteria of eligible blocks has been revised with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2008 to include the following:

- ◆ An additional 316 Educationally backward blocks with rural female literacy below 30%; and
- ◆ 94 Towns/cities having minority concentration (as per the list identified by Ministry of Minority Affairs) with female literacy rate below the national average (53.67%: Census 2001).

The revised unit cost the three models of KGBVs is as follows:

**Unit Cost of Models (in lakhs):**

	<i>Model-I</i>		<i>Model-II</i>		<i>Model-III</i>	
	<i>Existing Norms</i>	<i>Revised Norms</i>	<i>Existing Norms</i>	<i>Revised Norms</i>	<i>Existing Norms</i>	<i>Revised Norms</i>
<b>Recurring Grant</b>	19.05	30.27	13.13	23.05	10.24	17.05
<b>Non-recurring Grant</b>	26.25	46.00	21.25	35.38	21.25	31.68
<b>Total</b>	45.30		34.38		31.49	

- ⇒ Model-I – new schools + residential facility for 100 girls
- ⇒ Model-II – new schools + residential facility for 50 girls
- ⇒ Model-III – residential facility set up in an existing upper primary school for 50 girls