

D.O. No.F. 4-2/2010-U.II

New Delhi dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010.

Dear

In his Independence Speech on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2007, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India had announced, inter alia, that "We will also ensure that adequate number of colleges are set up across the country, especially in districts where enrolment levels are low. We will help States set up colleges in 374 such districts". The XI Five Year Plan document as approved by the National Development Council envisages, among other things, that 374 new Degree Colleges will be established in Districts with low Gross Enrolment Ratio based on careful selection

2. In pursuance of the above, the Central Government has approved a scheme to assist State Governments to set up Model degree colleges in each of the 374 identified higher educationally backward districts where the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for higher education is less than the national GER. A list of the identified districts is enclosed. In this connection, I would also like to draw your kind attention to my predecessor's D.O. letter No. 4-18/2007-U.II dated 3. 11. 2008 and 15.12.2008.

3. The Scheme will cater to the needs of students in educationally backward districts and is designed for improving access, equity and inclusiveness. State Governments/State Universities are expected to ensure transparency while establishing new colleges. After establishment of the colleges, the authorities shall be accountable to the stakeholders, that is, the students and their parents/guardians.

4. The broad parameters of the Scheme as approved by the Government are as under:-

(a) The Central Government shall provide assistance to the extent of one third of the capital cost for establishment of each college, limited to Rs.2.67 crore. For Special Category States, the Central share shall be 50% of the capital cost limited to Rs.4 crore for each college.

(b) The land shall be provided free of cost by the State Governments. The balance amount of the capital cost, and the recurring cost of running these new colleges shall be met by the concerned State Governments.

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(c) During the remaining period of the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan, assistance shall be provided for establishing 200 model colleges in identified districts, with priority being given to special category states and districts having concentration of weaker sections and minorities as well as other districts in Schedule V and Schedule VI areas.

(d) Those colleges which have been established on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2008 in identified districts shall also be eligible to be covered under this Scheme and proportionate Central assistance shall be provided.

(e) A clear Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be signed with each State Government before any release of funds is made.

(f) The Scheme shall be implemented both through the University Grants Commission (which can release funds to the concerned affiliating university for establishment of the college as its constituent college) and also alternatively by way of direct release of funds by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to the concerned State Government, which may like to set up the college either as an affiliated or a constituent college of State Universities, for which a separate detailed communication dated 9.6.2010 has been sent to the State Governments, which is available on the Ministry's website [www.education.nic.in](http://www.education.nic.in).

5. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has already written to the State Governments vide their D.O.letters No. F.1-8/2008 (CPP-I) dated 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008 and 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2009 requesting them to direct the concerned State Universities to send appropriate proposals to the UGC, as per the UGC guidelines in the prescribed proforma, which is available on UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in).

6. I shall be grateful if you could kindly direct the concerned State authorities to avail of the benefits under this Scheme, for which appropriate proposals may be sent to the UGC.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Vibha Puri Das)

Chief Secretary,  
All State Governments/UTs  
(as per list)




Encls: as above.

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1. Copy to Secretary, University Grants Commission for information and necessary action
2. Copy also to Web Master, MHRD for placing this communication on the MHRD website.

  
(Atul Sriskar)  
Director



## List of 374 identified Higher Educationally Backward Districts

1. A & N Islands	Dantewada	Giridih	Shivpuri	Banswara	Banda
Andamans	Dhantari	Godda	Sidhi	Baran	Barabanki
Nicobars	Durg	Gumla	Tikamgarh	Barmcr	Bareilly
2. Andhra Pr.	Janjgir -champa	Kodarma	Ujjain	Bharatpur	Basti
Adilabad	Jashpur	Pakaur	Umaria	Bhilwara	Bijnor
Anantapur	Kanker	Palamu	Vidisha	Bikaner	Budaun
East Godavari	Kawardha	P. Singhbhum	West Nimar	Bundi	Bulandshahr
Kurnool	Koriya	Sahibganj	18. Maharashtra	Chittaurgarh	Chitrakoot
Mahbubnagar	Mahasamund	14. Karnataka	Buldana	Churu	Etah
Medak	Raigarh	Bagalkot	Gadchiroli	Dausa	Farrukhabad
Nizamabad	Raipur	Bangalore Rural	Hingoli	Dhaultpur	Fatehpur
Prakasam	Rajnandgaon	Belgaum	Jalna	Dungarpur	Gonda
Srikakulam	Surguja	Bellary	Raigarh	Ganganagar	Hamirpur
Vizianagaram	7.D & N Haveli	Bijapur	Ratnagiri	Hanumangarh	Hardoi
West Godavari	D & N Haveli	Chamarajanagar	Sindhudurg	Jaisalmer	Hathras
3. Arunachal Pr.	8. Daman & Diu	Chikmagalur	19. Meghalaya	Jalor	Jyotiba P. Nagar
Changlang	Daman	Chitradurga	East Garo Hills	Jhalawar	Kannauj
Dibang Valley	Diu	Dakshina Kannada	Jaintia Hills	Jhunjhunun	Kanpur Dehat
East Kameng	9. Gujarat	Gadag	Ri Bhoi	Jodhpur	Kaushambi
Lohit	Amreli	Hassan	South Garo Hills	Karauli	Kheri
Lower Subansiri	Banas Kantha	Haveri	West Khasi Hills	Nagaur	Kushinagar
Tawang	Bharuch	Kodagu	20. Mizoram	Pali	Lalitpur
Tirap	Bhavnnagar	Kolar	Champhai	Rajsamand	Maharajganj
Upper Siang	Dohad	Koppal	Kolasib	Sawai Madhopur	Mahoba
Upper Subansiri	Jamnagar	Mandya	Lawngtlai	Sikar	Mathura
West Kameng	Junagad	Raichur	Lunglei	Sirohi	Moradabad
West Siang	Kachchh	Tumkur	Mamit	Tonk	Muzaffarnagar
4. Assam	Kheda	Udupi	Saiha	Udaipur	Pilibhit
Bongaigaon	Mahesana	Uttara Kannada	Serchhip	26. Sikkim	Rae Bareli
Cachar	Narmada	15. Kerala	21. Nagaland	East	Rampur
Darrang	Panch Mahals	Kasaragod	Mon	North	Saharanpur
Dhubri	Patan	Malappuram	22. Orissa	South	Sant Kabir Nagar
Goalpara	Porbandar	Palakkad	Anugul	West	Shahjahanpur
Hailakandi	Rajkot	Wayanad	Balangir	27. Tamil Nadu	Shrawasti
Karbi Anglong	Sabar Kantha	16. Lakshdweep	Bargarh	Ariyalur	Siddharthnagar
Karimganj	Surat	Lakshadweep	Baudh	Coimbatore	Sitapur
Marigaon	Surendranagar	17. Madhya Pr.	Debagarh	Cuddalore	Sonbhadra
Nagaon	The Dangs	Balaghat	Dhenkanal	Dharmapuri	Sultanpur
Sonitpur	Valsad	Barwani	Gajapati	Dindigul	Unnao
Tinsukia	10. Haryana	Betul	Ganjam	Erode	30. Uttaranchal
5. Bihar	Fatehabad	Bhind	Kalahandi	Kancheepuram	Bageshwar
Araria	Gurgaon	Chhatarpur	Kandhamal	Kanniyakumari	Champawat
Aurangabad	Jind	Chhindwara	Kendujhar	Karur	31. W. Bengal
Banka	Kaithal	Damoh	Koraput	Madurai	Bankura
Begusarai	Karnal	Datia	Malkangiri	Nagapattinam	Bardhaman
Darbhanga	Paripat	Dewas	Nabarangapur	Perambalur	Birbhum
Gopalganj	Sirsa	Dhar	Nayagarh	Pudukkottai	Dakshin Dinajpur
Jamui	11. Himachal Pr.	Dindori	Nuapada	Ramanathapuram	Darjiling
Kaimur	Chamba	East Nimar	Rayagada	Salem	Haora
Katihar	Kinnaur	Guna	Sonapur	Sivaganga	Hugli
Khagaria	Lahul & Spiti	Harda	23. Pondicherry	Thanjavur	Jalpaiguri
Kishanganj	Sirmaur	Jhabua	Yanam	The Nilgiris	Koch Bihar
Lakhisarai	12. J&K	Katni	24. Punjab	Theni	Maldah
Madhepura	Anantnag	Mandla	Amritsar	Thiruvallur	Medinipur
Madhubani	Badgam	Mandsaur	Bathinda	Thiruvarur	Murshidabad
Nawada	Baramula	Morena	Faridkot	Thoothukkudi	Nadia
W. Champaran	Doda	Narsimhapur	Fatehgarh Sahib	Tirunelveli	North 24 Parganas
E. Champaran	Kargil	Neemuch	Firozpur	Tiruvannamalai	Puruliya
Purnia	Kathua	Panna	Gurdaspur	Vellore	South 24 Parganas
Saharsa	Kupwara	Raisen	Kapurthala	Viluppuram	Uttar Dinajpur
Samastipur	Leh	Rajgarh	Mansa	Virudhunagar	
Sheohar	Punch	Ratlam	Moga	28. Tripura	
Sitamarhi	Rajauri	Sagar	Muktsar	North Tripura	
Siwan	Udhampur	Satna	Nawanshahr	South Tripura	
Supaul	13 Jharkhand	Shore	Patiala	West Tripura	
Vaishali	Chatra	Seoni	Sangrur	Dhalai	
6. Chhatisgarh	Deoghar	Shahdol	25. Rajasthan	29. Uttar Pr.	TOTAL DISTRICTS =374
Bastar	Dumka	Shajapur	Ajmer	Bahr aich	
Bilaspur	Garhwa	Sheopur	Alwar	Balrampur	