

## **Status of implementation of Model School Scheme in Uttarakhand**

1. The Ministry has decided to set up 6,000 model schools at the rate of one school per block as benchmark of excellence. Out of these, 3,500 schools are to be set up in educationally backward blocks (EBBs) through State/UT Governments and 2,500 schools are to be set up under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode in blocks which are not educationally backwards. The component to set up 3,500 schools in educationally backward blocks (EBBs) through State/UT Governments is operational since 2009-10.

2. The main objectives of the scheme are,

- To have at least one good quality senior secondary school in every block.
- To have a pace setting role for these schools.
- To try out innovative curriculum and pedagogy.
- To be a model in infrastructure, curriculum, evaluation and school governance.

### **3. Status of implementation of State Sector component of the Scheme**

- (i) Uttarakhand has a total of 23 EBBs (as per MDM list) which are eligible for model schools under State sector. However, as per the State Government, the State has 19 EBBs and 04 are forest villages.
- (ii) The proposal for setting up model schools in all the 19 EBBs was considered by the Ministry while according 'in principal' approval in this regard, the State Government was suggested to revise the building design as per the cost norms of the scheme and resubmit the same for consideration in the next meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB).
- (iii) The State Government had submitted the revised proposal in respect of 08 blocks, which will be placed in the next meeting of the PAB.