

Educationally Backward Blocks(EBB) Department of School Education and Literacy

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) is implementing various schemes in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) such as Model Schools, construction of Girls hostel, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalay (KGBVs) etc. These EBBs blocks have been identified by following methodology:

Initially a list of 3073 educational backward blocks (EBBs) was drawn up in connection with the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. This was arrived at on the basis of twin criteria of Female Literacy Rate being below the national average of 46.13% and Gender Gap in Literacy being above the national average of 21.59%. Both these criteria had been earmarked by the RGI. Subsequently this list was expanded to include 406 more blocks, out of which 404 blocks were having rural FLR of less than 45% irrespective of the Gender Gap. Besides, one SC concentration Block from West Bengal with SC Rural FLR on 19.81% and one ST concentration block in Orissa with ST rural FLR of 9.47% were also included, taking the total number of EBBs to 3479.

More detail :- <http://ssamis.nic.in/EBB/>