

Decision on New KVs: Plan Panel's Nod Awaited

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Kochi: The proposals for new Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) schools in the state will be considered as soon as approval from the Planning Commission is received, said Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) commissioner Avinash Dikshit. He was speaking after laying the foundation stone of the office of the new KV Ernakulam Region here on Wednesday.

“About 140 applications are already pending. We have proposed to open 500 new schools and hope to start 100 schools per year. The HRD Ministry has in-



Students receiving Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Commissioner Avinash Dikshit in Kochi on Wednesday | P K Jeevan Jose

cluded opening of new KVs across the nation in the Twelfth Plan. Once we get the approval, the proposals from Kerala will be given due consideration,” he said.

Many districts have a dearth of KVs. Ernakulam had sent a proposal to set up a school in Kakkanad.

“The state has to offer the required land and fulfil the

other criteria,” said Dikshit.

He said Ernakulam region was formed for better administration and monitoring of schools in the state. “There must be a regional office for 30 schools and Kerala has 37 KVs now,” he said. Dikshit said with the implementation of RTE and CCE, the workload of teachers has increased. “More computers will be provided for students and teachers and e-learning and smart classrooms will be strengthened,” he added.

The Ernakulam regional office which is functioning in an old block at the KV School, Kadavanthra, will be demolished and a new one will be built.