

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EVALUATION OF D.P.E.P .
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any evaluation of the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP);
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether this programme is still on in all the States of the country;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has planned some steps to meet the rising demand of Primary Education in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) to (b) : The District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) is supervised and evaluated through periodic Supervision Missions. So far, 12 Internal Supervisions and 18 Joint Review Missions (JRM) comprising representatives of Government and External Funding Agencies have supervised/evaluated the programme. The reviews and various evaluatory studies of the programme have brought out that the programme has resulted in significant increase in enrolment, improvement in learning achievement, reduction in repetition rates/dropout rates with increased community participation, improvements in classroom processes, etc. The findings of the Missions are communicated to the State Implementing Societies and to the Education Secretaries/Chief Secretaries of the concerned States for taking remedial actions and for further improvements.

(c) to (f): The programme was launched in November 1994 in 42 districts in seven selected States and subsequently extended to 273 districts in 18 States in a phased manner. After completion, the project has already been closed down in 144 districts on 31.12.2002 and 30.06.2003. At present the project is continuing only in 129 districts in 9 States. To meet the rising demand for Primary Education, the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has been launched as a national programme to achieve the goal of universalisation of elementary education.