

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether representatives of 44 Asia Pacific Nations discussed 'education for all' in the meeting held in Bangkok in January, 2000;
- (b) if so, whether the conference has reviewed the report cards in regard to the provisions of education over the past decade;
- (c) if so, the main points discussed and agreed upon thereat; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the education system in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d) : The Asia-Pacific Conference on Education for All (EFA) 2000 Assessment was organized in Bangkok from 17- 20 January, 2000 by UNESCO and its EFA Forum partners. The Conference reviewed the progress of EFA goals during the last decade on the basis of Country Assessment Reports of 41 countries of the Asia-Pacific Region.

The Conference deliberated upon various aspects of EFA with reference to the goals set at the World Conference on Education for All held in Jomtien (Thailand) in 1990 and the emerging challenges in Early Childhood Care and Education, Primary Education, Adult Literacy and Continuing Education. It also discussed measures for improvement in quality of education, elimination of gender disparities and resource mobilization. The Conference adopted the "Asia and Pacific Regional Framework for Action: EFA".

Government is committed to achieve the goals of EFA as enunciated in the National Policy on Education, 1986 (as updated in 1992), the Asia-Pacific Regional Framework and the Dakar Framework for Action adopted at the World Education Forum in April, 2000.