

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

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FUNDS FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any enhancement has been made in the budget allocations in the current financial year to impart primary education in the remotest areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the achievements made in this regard to impart primary education in the rural areas during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

- (a), (b) & (c): The budget allocation for elementary education was enhanced from Rs.12,242 crores in 2005-06 to Rs.16,893 crores in the current financial year (2006-07).
- (d): Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), 97,999 school buildings, 2,81,001 additional classrooms have been constructed and 6.67 lakh teachers appointed. Furthermore, under Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme, about 12 crore children are covered for a hot cooked meal every school working day.