GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3967 ANSWERED ON:20.12.2005 UNIVERSALIZATION OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION Singh Shri Sugrib

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

- (a) whether the Government have made any arrangements to tackle the challenge to be posed by the Universalisation of elementary education;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have made any assessment about the number of students expected to join secondary school in the next two years in the country particularly in Kendriya Vidyalaya and Navodaya schools;
- (d) the annual expenditure likely to be incurred by the Government on creation of additional infrastructure and on other heads; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) It is premature to anticipate the full impact of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan which aims to & attain universal retention in elementary education by 2010. However, Government is committed to make secondary education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all young persons.
- (b)to(e) Increase in the number of students at the secondary level, the arrangements required as a result thereof and annual expenditure incurred thereon would depend inter-alia, on the degree of success of programmes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA).