

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

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EST OF PAKISTAN IN SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

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

- (a) whether Pakistan has shown keen interest in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan at various international fora as reported in the Times of India dated February 23, 2007;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any formal request from Pakistan in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (d): No formal agreement has been signed for any exchanges between India and Pakistan. However, a Working Group on Education set up by the Indo-Pakistan Joint Commission held its first meeting on 20th February 2007 in New Delhi. The issues discussed by the working group on education included cooperation in higher education sector in various fields, institutional linkages between University Grants Commission and HEC of Pakistan, exchange of printed material relating to educational development, sharing of experiences by NCERT & National Book Trust of India and National Book Foundation of Pakistan and exchange of expertise in the field of elementary, secondary and adult education.