

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

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INCREASING VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ABUSE IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has held discussions on alarming issues like violence and sexual abuse in schools;
- (b) if so, the details of such deliberations and the decision arrived at; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check such incidents in the schools? ANSWER

Answer

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

(a) & (b) A workshop for Principals of schools of Delhi on safe environment for children was organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in New Delhi on 25.1.2008. Major suggestions emanating in the work-shop were:

- # Need to have more counselors in schools.
- # Use of specialized professionals/ resource persons to help organizing workshops in schools.
- # Forming of parents' core group to take up counseling.
- # Discussion on healthy boy-girl relationships.
- # Introduction of nutrition monitor in schools.
- # Workshops for teachers and parents at research and training institutes
- # Workshops on personality development and enhancing self esteem.
- # Improvement of private sector.

(c) Education is a concurrent subject and school education primarily comes under the purview of State Governments. Government of India has issued advisories to all State Governments to ensure a safe environment for girls and to prohibit corporal punishment in all schools under jurisdiction of State Governments.