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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the condition of the Government schools and the standard of its teachers is far below as compared to private schools;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and remedial steps taken in this regard; and
- (c) the details of the improvement under taken by the Government to bridge the gap in the quality of education between Government schools and private public schools? ANSWER

Answer

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

(a) Education being a concurrent subject, school education primarily comes under the purview of the State Governments. So far as the schools under this Ministry are concerned, there is no evidence to suggest that condition of these schools or standard of teachers is below that of private schools. On the contrary, pass percentages of schools under Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, both at class X & class XII were consistently above the pass percentages of independent private schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) during the last five years (2003- 2007).

(b) & (c) Improvement of quality of education is a continuous process. Central Government has been implementing Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) at the elementary level since 2001-02, inter-alia, with the objective to focus on elementary education of satisfactory quality. It has also been decided to implement a centrally sponsored scheme for universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of education at secondary stage during the 11th Five Year Plan.