

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

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

- (a) whether the qualifications/teaching skills of the teachers of primary and secondary schools in rural areas are not as per the norms prescribed therefor according to a survey conducted by the National Council of Education, Research and Training (NCERT); and
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the standard of education in the rural areas?

Answer

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

(a) As per the Seventh All India School Education Survey conducted by National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) with September 30, 2002 as the reference date, out of a total number of 34,91,459 full time teachers working in recognized schools in rural India, 6,39,905 teachers were found to be untrained.

(b) As most of the schools in the country are within the purview of the State Governments, ensuring proper training of primary school teachers is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) lays down guidelines in respect of minimum qualification for employment as teachers in school and also regulates; norms and standards in the teacher education system throughout the country. NCERT also designs in-service training programmes based on the request of State Governments. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan measures such as recruitment of additional teachers, evaluation and monitoring of school performance, etc. have been undertaken to improve the quality of elementary education.