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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a conference of State Education Secretaries of school education was recently held in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details of issues discussed and decisions arrived in the conference; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to implement decisions taken in the conference?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): A conference of State Education Secretaries was held from 28th to 30th January, 2010 in New Delhi in which issues relating to implementation of schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Mid Day Meal (MDM), Teacher Education (TE), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Adult Education etc. were discussed. The details of matters discussed in above conference are:

- (i) SSA – intervention-wise progress of implementation; readiness of States to take up implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.
- (ii) MDM – various facets of implementation of MDM programme e.g. payment of cost of foodgrains at district level, plan for media campaign, grievance redressal mechanism
- (iii) Adult Education - Mechanism to implement the newly launched Saakshar Bharat Programme, including organizational structure, capacity building, monitoring etc.
- (iv) Other schemes under School Education – implementation of RMSA, opening of Girls' Hostels, opening of Model Schools etc.

The Department of School Education and Literacy monitors the implementation of programmes through periodic review meetings.