

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

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SETTING UP GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been unprecedented increase in the number of Private schools as compared to the Government schools in the country especially in Urban areas over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure availability of Government schools in proportion to rising population?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): As per "Statistics of School Education 2006-07", published by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, there is no significant change in the share of Government and private schools in primary and upper primary level over the period 2002-03 to 2006-07. There is an increase in the share of the private unaided schools at secondary and senior secondary level from 27.95% to 34.27% over the same period. The break up for urban areas and rural areas is not available in the document. The details are annexed. The reasons for variation would differ from State to State.

(c): Government has enacted the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 to ensure free and compulsory education at elementary level for children in the age group of 6-14. At the secondary level, the centrally sponsored scheme, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, which was launched in March 2009, envisages, inter alia, setting up of new government secondary schools based on school mapping.