

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

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BASIC FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the findings of the District Information System of Education about availability of basic facilities in elementary schools in States during the past two years;
- (b) whether most of the Government elementary schools in States in the country do not have toilets, drinking water facilities; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to address these problems?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : According to the findings of the District Information System of Education (DISE) about the availability of basic facility in elementary schools during the last two years, the position of coverage of toilets and drinking water facilities is as follows:

Year	Common Toilets	Girls Toilet	Drinking Water
2006-07	58.13%	42.58%	84.89%
2007-08	62.67%	50.55%	86.75%

(c) : Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), several activities have been undertaken to improve infrastructure gaps which includes, inter alia, construction of school buildings, additional classrooms, toilets and drinking water facilities etc. The needs of basic facilities like toilets and drinking waters at elementary schools is also met in convergence with other Schemes like Total Sanitation Campaign and PHED.