GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5451 ANSWERED ON:28.04.2010 REVAMPING OF EDUCATION SYSTEM Naik Dr. Sanjeev Ganesh;Sule Supriya

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revamp and innovate the education system specially in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to involve all stakeholders in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the concrete steps taken by the Government to provide education to all in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Educational reforms are a continuous process and 11th Five Year Plan seeks to carry them forward through expansion, inclusion and rapid improvement in quality through institutional and policy reforms and by enhancing public spending. There will be no Class X Board examination w.e.f. 2011 for students studying in CBSE's Senior Secondary Schools and who do not wish to move out of the CBSE system after Class X. The students studying in CBSE's Secondary Schools will, however, be required to appear in Board's external examination if they intend to leave the Secondary School after Class X. The Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation has been strengthened in all CBSE affiliated schools w.e.f. October, 2009 in Class IX. The new Grading System has been introduced at Secondary School Level(for Class IX and X) effective from 2009-10 academic session. During various meetings with stakeholders, survey etc. the CBSE has received encouraging response.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) follows a holistic approach to improve the quality of elementary education, and subject to certain norms provides for opening of new primary schools, up gradation of primary schools to upper primary school, construction of school buildings, construction of additional classrooms to improve the students classroom ratio, recruitment of additional teachers to improve the pupil teacher ratio, in-service training of the teachers and training of the teachers and training of untrained teachers, provision of text books, learning enhancement programme, remedial teaching, school and teacher grant and regular academic support to the school through Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres to improve the quality of classroom practices.

Model Degree Colleges are being established one each in 374 education backward districts with low GER. These predominantly serve rural areas and with concentration of population of SC/ST/Minorities and have female GER.

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2010 has been enacted which envisages significant reforms in the Elementary Education sector specially with reference to admission, attendance and completion of elementary education by all children in schools which conform to specified norms and standards.