

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether as per the study conducted by the Educational Consultant India Limited (ECIL), teachers in various States miss schools for more than two months in a year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government on the findings;
- (c) the fees charged by the ECIL for conducting the study and time taken for the same; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Educational Consultants India Limited (Ed.CIL), which constitutes the Technical Support Group (TSG) for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan had organized the conduct of a study on "Student and Teachers attendance" through eleven agencies in 2006-07 in 20 States. As per the findings of the study, the average attendance rate of teachers was 81.7% at primary stage and 80.5% at upper primary stage. The findings have been shared with the States, with a request to take steps to monitor teachers' and students' attendance. Measures taken by the State governments, inter alia, include close supervision of schools by Block and Cluster Resource Centres and Village Education Committees, and discouraging officers from using the services of teachers for non-teaching work.

The cost of the Study was Rs.1.68 crore (Rs. 1,68,27,500) excluding service Tax as per government norms. The duration of the study was initially 7 months, however owing to problems faced by the agencies at field level the time period for completion was extended by MHRD for a duration of three - four months in some cases.