

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

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EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS

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

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the teachers in rural areas mostly remain absent and no teaching is imparted to the students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the effective measures taken or being taken by the Government in this regard including the funds allocated by the Government to the States for the purpose and spent therefrom by them during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) The MHRD had conducted an independent study on Student's Attendance at primary and upper primary levels in the year 2006-07 in 20 major states. This study also involved collection of data on teachers' presence in schools. The findings of the study reveal that Teachers' Attendance Rate was 81.7% at primary level and 80.5% at upper primary level. The study was conducted in a large number of schools from rural areas (82%). The Government of India has advised States to monitor teachers' attendance in elementary schools and put in place mechanism to improve teacher's presence and accountability. The States have also been advised to take steps for amending the bye laws/ rules of village education committees/ PTAs/ School Development and Management Committees or equivalent bodies to include specific clauses to monitor teachers' attendance.

The statement regarding funds sanctioned by the government to the States for teachers' training, BRCs, CRCs and teachers salaries during the last three years is at annexure.