

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

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NON-AVAILABILITY OF SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on 'Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan' has indicated that no Primary School/Education Guarantee Scheme/Alternative School is available in large number of villages in several parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): In the Performance Audit Report on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for the year ending March, 2005 [Union Government (Civil) Report No. 15 (2006)] the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has indicated that in respect of 14 States, 9.23% habitations are without Primary Schools. These 14 States are Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhand & West Bengal.

SSA has sanctioned 75,679 new primary schools, including 21,475 sanctioned in 2010-11, in these 14 States since inception of the programme. The new primary schools are sanctioned under SSA in accordance with the State norms. It is reported that 16,202 habitations, representing approximately 2% of the total habitations in these States are without primary schools.