

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

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STRENGTHENING OF PRIMARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen elementary education set-up in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a number of primary schools are not equipped with black boards and pucca buildings;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which elementary education facilities would be available to all the eligible children in the country, by augmenting resources in this direction; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. The Government is committed to universalising elementary education for children in the 6-14 age group. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) 3,03,002 new schools have been opened, 2,49,542 school buildings and 10,77,727 additional classrooms have been constructed, 1,92,486 drinking water facilities and 3,19,607 school toilets have been provided, and 10.30 lakh teachers have been recruited. Out of 12,85,576 schools in the country, 14,376 schools representing 1.12%, do not have black boards and 34,453 schools representing 2.68% of the total, do not have buildings.