GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4784 ANSWERED ON:25.08.2010 FIRST AID IN SCHOOLS Dhotre Shri Sanjay Shamrao;Sivakumar Alias J.K. Ritheesh Shri K.;Viswanathan Shri P.

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

(a) whether there is lack of awareness about Disaster Management Plan amongst schools in Delhi and even first aid in case of an emergency, is hard to administer;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) recently framed an exhaustive set of guidelines to ensure better handling of medical emergencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) : No Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) has framed guidelines for better handling of medical emergencies in school. As per the guidelines, the school authorities shall ensure promotion of positive school health and monitoring of medical preparedness, introduction of safety and accident prevention in regular curriculum, maintenance of basic safety standards of the school building, appointment of a doctor on call and tie-up with nearby hospitals for medical emergencies, formulation of a proper emergency response plan for coping with different types of medical emergencies, constitution of an emergency response team and school health committee, availability of basic first aid provision, maintenance of proper record and documentation of emergency cases, preparation of individual emergency care plan for students suffering from any life threatening disease or having special needs, availability of ambulance, provision of complete health check-up of students, organizing workshops and health orientation programme for parents, observance of important days related to health, appointment of counselor, encouraging guidance and counseling for responsible behavior and positive mental health of students, in the school.