

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF SCHOOLS

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

- (a) the total number of primary schools required for smooth implementation of Right to Education Act, 2009;
- (b) whether the existing number of primary schools fall short of their requirement in the country;
- (c) if so, State-wise details of the shortage as on date;
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to meet the shortage of these schools;
- (e) the State-wise number of such primary schools in the country which do not have their own building; and
- (f) the measures taken by the Government to construct building for such schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c) As per the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, States/UTs are required to define the area or limits of neighbourhood within which a school, if not already established, is required to be established within a period of three years. The norms for sanction of schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan have already been revised to provide schools as per the neighbourhood norms defined by the State Governments.

Keeping in view the projected child population in the 6- 14 age group, National level estimates suggests that the States would require 14.23 lakh additional classrooms for new and existing schools.

(d) The Department has already revised the SSA norms to provide for neighbourhood schools as defined by the State Governments in their RTE rules. The Government has also estimated the total requirement of funds for implementing the provision of the RTE-SSA programme at Rs.2.31 lakh crore over a five year period from 2010-11 to 2014-15. Further the Central Government has revised the fund sharing pattern between the Central and the State Government from the previously prevalent sliding scale to the 65:35 sharing ratio between the Central and the State Governments.

(e) & (f) There are 44,468 primary schools without their own building in the country. The state-wise figures are attached herewith. Out of these, 19717 school buildings are under construction. Constructions of schools is sanctioned on a year to year basis for each State/UT within a ceiling of 33% of the total project outlay.