

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

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APPOINTMENT OF SHIKSHA MITRAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Shiksha Mitras appointed to improve the primary education in the country;
- (b) the norms regarding the honorarium being given to Shiksha Mitras;
- (c) whether the Government has received memorandum regarding raising of honorariums of the Shiksha Mitras;
- (d) if so, action is being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): As per District Information System for Education (DISE), 2009-10, there are about 6.31 lakh para teachers, also known as Shiksha Mitras in some States, in elementary schools in the country. The appointment of teachers including para teachers, Shiksha Mitras, etc. is governed by the Rules and Regulations of the State Government. The norms regarding honorarium to para teachers including Shiksha Mitras are decided by the States. The memoranda received regarding honorarium of the Shiksha Mitras are forwarded to the concerned State Governments, since the issue of honorarium and other terms and conditions of their service falls in the domain of the State Governments.