

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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STANDARD OF TEACHING IN SCHOOLS

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

- (a) whether the existing education system does not cater to the development of the skills and attitudes in students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a need to raise the standard of teaching in schools especially in rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the measures the Government proposes to take in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) Education being a concurrent subject, most of the schools come under the purview of the State Governments. As far as Govt. of India is concerned, the need for character building and development of skills has been articulated in the National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992. Para 5.13 of the said policy, inter alia, states as under:

"â€¦.Efforts will be made to provide computer literacy in as many secondary level institutions as possible so that the children are equipped with necessary computer skills to be effective in the emerging technological world. A proper understanding of the work ethos and of the values of a humane and composite culture will be brought about through appropriately formulated curricula. Vocationalisation through specialized institutions or through the refashioning of secondary education will, at this stage, provide valuable manpower for economic growthâ€¦"

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Centrally sponsored schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) have components that focus on improvement of the quality of education at the elementary and secondary levels. Such components include making schools to conform to prescribed norms, regular in service training of teachers to upgrade their skill, and appointment of additional teachers to improve Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR).