

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

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

- (a) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government for the children of scheduled castes under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA);
- (b) the State-wise details of districts whether majority of population belong to scheduled caste have been provided basic amenities under SSA in the year 2009-10;
- (c) the number of districts to be included in the year of 2010-11;and
- (d) the number of districts provided infrastructure by the Government under SSA so far (till 31 December, 2010); State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is implemented in the country to achieve universalisation of elementary education. SSA follows a holistic approach for universal access and retention, bridging of gender and social category gaps in education and improving the quality of education for all children, including SC/ST children.

Interventions under SSA for SC children include:-

# Providing adequate infrastructure for elementary schooling in 61 districts with concentration of SC population.

# Providing free textbooks to all SC students from class I-VIII.

# Providing free uniforms to all SC students from class I to VIII.

# Special innovative activities in each district to promote education of SC children.

# Teachers' sensitization programmes to promote equitable learning opportunities and address discrimination in classroom and hidden curricular issues.

# Statutory representation of representatives of SCs in School Management Committees.

(b) State wise details of allocation/provisioning under SSA in SC concentrated districts in the year 2009-10 is at Annexure-I

(c) Under SSA, districts with more than 25% SC population have been categorized as Special Focus Districts. The number of such districts included in the year 2010-2011 is 61.

(d) A statement indicating State wise details of infrastructure provided under SSA upto 30.9.2010 is at Annexure-II.