GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:314 ANSWERED ON:23.02.2011 SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS Singh Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad

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

- (a) the number of teachers required in the primary, secondary and higher education in the State of Bihar as per laid down norms;
- (b) the shortage of teachers at present;
- (c) whether the State Government has not spent more than half of the amount allocated under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there are schools which still do not have their own building and whether some of the school buildings are in dilapidated condition; and
- (f) if so, the action taken by the Government to meet the shortage of qualified teachers alongwith to solve the problems relating to school buildings?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) At the elementary level, as per available information, there are 4,79,219 sanctioned posts of teachers in Bihar. In order to meet the PTR mandated under RTE Act, an additional 96,534 teachers are required. In addition, 27,696 part time instructors are required at the elementary education stage. Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) envisages appointment of additional teachers to improve Pupil Teachers Ratio (PTR). No such information in respect of higher education is maintained by the Central Government.
- (c) & (d) Against the available funds of 423817.92 lacs, the State Government has reported an expenditure of Rs. 261656.54 lacs which is approximately 60%.
- (e) In Bihar, 8,208 primary schools are without buildings. 4,496 school buildings have already been sanctioned but their construction is delayed due to non-availability of community/Government land. 43 schools have Kuccha buildings with dilapidated rooms where new additional classrooms (ACRs) are being constructed.
- (f) The recruitment of qualified teachers at elementary level is being done in a phased manner spread over three years as per the provisions of Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009. The Department of School Education & Literacy has sanctioned a total of 57,956 teachers in Bihar during 2010-11. The State Government is making efforts to acquire land for construction of school buildings. RMSA also envisages improvement/ strengthening of existing Government secondary schools. Based on Annual Plan Proposals for 2010-11 received from State of Bihar, 443 existing Government Secondary Schools have been approved for strengthening/ improvement of infrastructure.