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LOK SABHA**

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CREATIVE LEARNING AND TEACHING PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to launch a new programme, based on the unique concept of Creative Learning and Teaching (CLT) to bridge the gender gap in Government run primary schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which it will help to reduce the girls drop out;
- (d) whether the proposed new programme will be implemented under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for the said programme?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) There is no proposal before the Government to introduce a separate programme entitled 'Creative Learning and Teaching'(CLT) under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for bridging the gender gap in Government primary schools.

However, bridging gender and social category gaps in elementary education is an important goal under SSA. Consequently, SSA attempts to reach out to girls, and children belonging to SC, ST and Muslim Minority communities to provide inclusive learning facilities for all children. SSA's Framework of Implementation has been revised to conform with the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. The revised Framework for Implementation addresses equity and quality concerns in elementary education, and encourages States to initiate curriculum renewal processes especially in relation to the experiences of girls and children belonging to SC, ST and Muslim Minorities.

With a view to reducing drop outs among girls, SSA provides for general interventions, such as free textbooks and uniforms, separate toilets for girls and boys, and encourages States to engage women teachers. In addition, SSA provides for specific interventions in the form of (i) Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyayas (KGBV) for girls for SC, ST, OBC and Minority community in educationally backward blocks (EBBs), (ii) National Programme of Education for Girls in Elementary Education (NPEGEL) to develop model cluster schools, etc. in EBBs, (iii) Innovation Fund to address district specific requirements for girls, and other disadvantaged groups, including SC, ST, Muslim Minority children, etc.