

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

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PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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

- (a) whether the standard of education imparted by certain Government run schools is lower than that of several private run schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment in this regard;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the remedial steps being taken to focus on improvement of the quality of education in Government run schools?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Government of India has not conducted any such assessment. NCERT conducts national level achievement survey for classes III, V and VIII periodically in government/government aided schools. Till now, two rounds of Achievement Surveys have been conducted. The surveys reveal improvements in the learning level. A comparative table of the progress in respect of the two rounds is given below:

Subject    Class III    Class V    Class VIII

	Round I	Round II	Round I	Round II	Round I	Round II
Mathematics	58.25%	61.89%	46.51%	48.46%	39.17%	42.71%
Language	63.12%	67.84%	58.57%	60.31%	53.86%	56.57%
EVS	NA	NA	50.30%	52.19%	NA	NA
Science	NA	NA	NA	NA	41.30%	42.73%
Social Science	NA	NA	NA	NA	46.19%	48.03%

NA: Not applicable.

(e) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 provides for free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of six to fourteen years. It is the duty of the appropriate government and local authority to implement the provisions of the RTE Act to provide infrastructure including school building, teaching staff and learning equipment, special training facility specified in section 4 of the RTE Act, to ensure and monitor admission, attendance and completion of elementary education by every child, good quality elementary education conforming to the standards and norms specified in the Schedule, timely prescribing of curriculum and courses of study for elementary education and to provide training facility for teachers also.

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) has been launched in 2009-10 which is aimed at expanding and improving the standards of secondary education namely classes VIII – X. Government has also launched a scheme to set up 6000 model schools as benchmarks of excellence at block level for providing quality education to rural children.