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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) whether a number of children are not being able to be enrolled in schools in spite of the implementation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the outcome of the latest review of the SSA made by the Joint Review Mission; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken for improvement of basic infrastructure in schools?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per independent sample study to estimate the number of out of school children conducted by the Social and Rural Research Institute – International Marketing Bureau (SRI – IMRB), the number of out of school children in the country has declined from 1.34 crore in December 2005 to 0.81 crore in 2009.

(c): The 14th Joint Review Mission (JRM) on SSA held during 18th to 28th July, 2011, has observed that progress towards achieving the goal of universal access has remained consistent, and it is especially notable in the context of the upper primary stage of elementary education. It has also noted that remarkable progress made in closing the gender gap in the primary school years has been maintained, and different States are applying diverse strategies to meet the challenges posed at the upper primary stage. Equity-related concerns of SSA have brought about substantial improvement in the participation and classroom experience of children belonging to SC, ST and minority groups. Significant progress has been made under SSA for the identification of CWSN children. Increase in the total coverage of CWSN children and the appointment of resource teachers is also appreciated. The JRM has recorded appreciation for the increase in the capacity of States for improving efficiency and transparency in financial expenditure.

Further, the JRM has also underlined areas for special focus, including inter alia focus on development of child tracking system, formulating a concept note on special training for out of school children, deeper review of the strategy for continuous and comprehensive evaluation, augmentation of the capacity of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), development of appropriate strategies for greater participation of SC, ST, OBC and Muslim community girls, and strengthening of School Management Committees (SMCs).

(d): Since inception SSA has approved the construction of:

(i) 1,98,907 new primary schools till 2010-11, of which 91% are completed and in progress; an additional 3994 new primary schools have been sanctioned in 2011-12

(ii) 1,71,749 new upper primary schools till 2010-11, of which 96% are completed and in progress; an additional 1670 new upper primary schools have been sanctioned in 2011-12

(iii) 13.7 lakh additional classrooms till 2010-11, of which 94% are completed and in progress; an additional 2.1 lakh additional classrooms have been sanctioned in 2011-12

(iv) 2.14 lakh drinking water facilities till 2010-11, of which 94% are completed and in progress

(v) 4.55 lakh toilets till 2010-11, of which 89% are completed and in progress.

SSA norms have also been revised to correspond with the infrastructure facilities provided in the Schedule to the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.