

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SSA IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether primary schools under Tea Plantation Authority in West Bengal and North-Eastern States are deprived of various facilities given under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to ensure the inclusion of these schools under SSA to remove this disparity;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): States have adopted different approaches for primary schools in tea plantations. In West Bengal, all Government and Government-Aided primary schools located in tea garden areas are provided various facilities given under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) but private/ tea garden authority schools are not covered. State Government of Assam has extended facilities like school grants, teacher grants etc. to tea garden area schools also.

(c) to (e): SSA provides support to all primary and upper primary schools run by Government, local bodies, and Government Aided schools. It is for the concerned State Government to categorise the schools as above.