

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:287  
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2011  
TEACHERS IN NON-TEACHING ACTIVITIES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the services of Government school teachers are still being used for non-academic purposes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the National Knowledge Commission has expressed its concern in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the Government is in agreement with the concerns of the Commission; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to free the Government teachers from performing non-academic duties?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 287 FOR REPLY ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2011 ASKED BY SHRI JAGDISH SHARMA AND SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR M.P.s REGARDING TEACHERS IN NON-TEACHING ACTIVITIES.

(a) & (b): According to the District Information System for Education (DISE), during 2009-10 on an all India average, 9.55% teachers in primary and upper primary schools were involved in non-teaching assignments for 14 days.

(c) to (e): The National Knowledge Commission in the document titled "Report to the Nation" (2006-2009) has expressed concern regarding involvement of school teachers in non-teaching assignments such as elections, data collection, etc.

The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, which has become operative from 1st April, 2010, inter alia provides that no teacher shall be deployed for any non-educational purpose, other than for decennial population census, disaster relief duties or duties relating to elections to the local authority, State Legislatures or Parliament. The Government has also issued Guidelines under the RTE Act clarifying the nature of duties which teachers can be assigned for elections.