

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

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SHORTAGE OF SCHOOLS  
Lal Shri Kirodi

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

- (a) whether a report of Comptroller and Auditor General regarding 'Education to all campaign' has stated that most of the villages in several parts of the country have no primary school/education guarantee scheme/optional school;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Comptroller and Auditor General of India in their Performance Audit Report on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for the year ended March, 2005 [Union Government (Civil) Report No. 15 of 2006 – Performance Audit] had reported that 31648 habitations in 14 States/Union Territories were without schools. Under SSA there is a ceiling of 33% of the total district outlay on civil works, and therefore, construction of school buildings and other infrastructure is taken up incrementally. Since inception of SSA, 2.09 lakh primary schools have been sanctioned across the country. Further, as per Evaluation Report on SSA brought out by the Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission in June, 2010, more than 98% of the sampled rural habitations have access to elementary school within 3 kilometers.