

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RURAL EDUCATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to revolutionarise rural education system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to provide quality education in rural areas;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give better pay scales to the teachers working in rural areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to provide better infrastructure and improve the quality standard of the schools in rural areas?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, which has come into force with effect from 01.04.2010, provides for free and compulsory education to all children in the 6-14 age group in a neighbourhood school. The norms of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, which provides for universalisation of elementary education, have been modified to align with the provision of RTE Act. Conditions of service and pay scale of teachers are regulated by the State Governments. RTE Act prescribes following timeframe for accomplishing school and school infrastructure related items:

Activity Time Frame

Establishment of neighborhood schools 3 years (by 31st March, 2013)

Provision of school infrastructure 3 years (by 31st March, 2013)

All weather school buildings

One-classroom-one-teacher

Head Teacher-cum-Office room

Library

Toilets, drinking water

Barrier free access

Playground, fencing,
boundary walls

Provision of teachers as per 3 years (by 31st
prescribed PTR March, 2013)

Training of untrained teachers 5 years (by 31st March
2015)

Quality interventions and other With immediate effect provisions

Under SSA programme significant school infrastructure has been provided which includes construction of 2.67 lakh school buildings, 14.10 lakh additional classrooms, provision of 2.12 lakh drinking water facility and 4.77 lakh school toilets so far.

A centrally sponsored scheme, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) was launched in March 2009 to enhance access and improve quality of education at secondary stage, while ensuring equity. The programme envisages enhancing the enrollment by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation, improving quality of education imparted at secondary level through making all secondary schools conform to prescribed norms, removal of gender, socio-economic and disability barriers, universal access to secondary level education by 2017 (GER 100%), and universal retention by 2020.