

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4301

ANSWERED ON:02.05.2012

NATIONAL SCHOOL SANITATION PROGRAMME

De Dr. Ratna;Panda Shri Baijayant;Pradhan Shri Nityananda

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced National Schools Sanitation Programme and if so, the details including the objectives thereof;
- (b) whether the Government had held any discussions with the State Governments in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the schools selected for giving ratings under National School Sanitation Programme. State-wise;
- (d) the number of schools that have been found to maintain the required standards State-wise and the measures taken against those not in conformity with the scheme;
- (e) the details of the funds released for the scheme since its launch. State-wise; and
- (f) the details of the targets set for the said scheme and the steps being taken by the Government to cover all schools in the country in a phased manner?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): A countrywide "National Schools Sanitation Initiative" has been launched in collaboration with Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Ministry of Urban Development & German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) to effectuate an improvement in the provisions and practices of sanitation in the country. The major objectives of this programme are

- (i) Awareness generation and behavioral change
- (ii) focus on sanitation and waste segregation in schools
- (iii) open defecation free cities

(iv) Proper dispersal of waste water and formulating interalia Personal Hygiene, Safe Sanitation, Clean Toilet Habits, Safe Drinking Water and Separate Toilets for the girl child. The programme was discussed in the State Education Minister's conference held on 18.6.2010. Presently the scheme is applicable to the schools affiliated to CBSE in all States.

(c) to (f): No schools are "selected" under this initiative. The schools are supposed to rate themselves online for their sanitation status of their own. So far 373 schools from 28 states of the country have themselves registered on the website of CBSE to obtain sanitation ratings. Out of the 373 schools 48 have been found to maintain, by and large, the desired sanitation standards. Schools have been advised to improve their sanitation ratings by taking up suitable measures. CBSE has not provided any funds for this purpose.