

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there are a number of lower primary, middle and high schools in West Bengal which are recognized by the State Government and the buildings of which are in deplorable conditions, where the teaching and other staff are doing their job with a meagre amount;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has received any such proposal from the State Government of West Bengal to provide proper infrastructure and assistance to such Government recognized schools;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status of the proposal;
- (d) whether the Government would take initiative to solve such age old problem of education in the State or conduct any enquiry about such problem;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (f): Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for construction of new schools, additional classrooms, toilets, drinking water facilities and ramps as per the Schedule of Rates notified by the State Government. This assistance is available only to Government school buildings. Every year the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) of States is appraised and approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in which civil works proposals are also sanctioned.

Since inception of SSA, West Bengal has been sanctioned 9983 primary schools, 4399 upper primary schools, 1,77,917 additional classrooms, 11551 drinking water facilities and 36913 toilets, and 8422 schools have been approved for major repair.

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) provides financial assistance for construction of new Government secondary school buildings (classes IX-X) and strengthening of infrastructure of existing Government secondary schools. Government of West Bengal has been pursuing with the Ministry for inclusion of Government aided secondary schools at par with Government secondary schools covered under RMSA.