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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to help the parent in educating their children who work in mines as labourers or at construction sites;
- (b) the details of the benefit of 2% Education Cess to the society in the form of formation of primary and secondary education, new schools, colleges, universities; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to check the problem of higher rate of dropping out of the students related to Dalits, Tribals and Minorities after the Elementary Class V and VIII?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 which is being implemented through Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for free elementary education to all children in the 6-14 age group.
- (b) Proceeds of Education Cess of 2% are part of total budget provided for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme and Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in the country. This has helped in strengthening of various components of SSA such as provision of school buildings, drinking water, toilets, especially for girls as well as appointment of teachers. Similarly, this has helped in extending the benefit of MDMS to 10.67 crore children in more than 1.2 million Government and Government aided schools.
- (c) To reduce the drop out of children, SSA inter alia, provides for opening of new schools, strengthening of school infrastructure, appointment of additional teachers, interventions for enrolment of out of school children, promotion of girls education, inclusive education for children with special needs, training of teachers, supply of free textbooks for girls, SC & ST students, interventions for promoting community ownership of schools etc. Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) envisages inter-alia, opening of new secondary schools (Classes IX-X) and strengthening of existing secondary schools with special focus on SC/ST/Minority/hilly and difficult areas. To bring the out of school children back to the mainstream of formal education and reducing dropout especially of students of SC, ST, Minority and Girls students at secondary stage, interventions like survey and identification of out of schools children, awareness programme, bridge course teaching for learning enhancement, residential camp for drop out students etc. are also being supported under RMSA.