GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6596 ANSWERED ON:16.05.2012 REVIEW OF EXISTING FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS Premajibhai Dr. Solanki Kiritbhai

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any review of the existing facilities of secondary and higher secondary level education in the country including Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the demographic features, quantity and quality of school education facilities, teacher-student ratio and the number of the Government and non-Government educational institutes;
- (c) the funds provided to the States during the last three years for implementing Sarva Shikhsha Abhiyan and Mid-Day Meal Schemes; and
- (d) the tangible Impact thereof in attracting greater number of children to schools and reducing rate of drop outs?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The Government reviews the existing facilities in secondary and higher secondary level schools in the States including Chhattisgarh through meetings of the Project Approval Board. In addition, review is made during meetings of State Education Secretaries and through Secondary Education Management Information System (SEMIS). At present Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) covers opening of new government secondary schools (Classes IX-X) and strengthening of existing government secondary schools with special focus on SC/ST/Minority/hilly and difficult areas. Since inception of the scheme, opening of 9670 new government secondary schools (Classes IX-X) and strengthening of existing 34311 government secondary schools have been sanctioned. As per the Statistics of School Education 2009-10 the Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) for Higher Secondary School/Inter Colleges is 1:39 and for High/Post Basic School is 1:30.
- (c) The details of funds provided to States during the last three years for implementing Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDM) are as under:

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Name of the Programmes Years (Rs. in crore) 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA) 12781.07 19594.07 20775.38 Mid Day Meal (MDM) 6937.26 9124.52 9890.72
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(d) The efforts made by Government in implementation of SSA and MDM has resulted in considerable enhancement in enrolment of children in schools from 157.7 million in 2001-02 to 195 million in 2009-10. The annual average drop-out rate has come down from 9.11% to 6.76%.