

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL WOMEN EMPOWERMENT MISSION
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recently conducted study commissioned as part of the National Women Empowerment Mission (NWEM) has revealed that that non-availability of female teachers, absence of safe drinking water, poor maintenance of sanitation facilities and low awareness forces the young girls away from schools in the educationally backward and rural districts in each State of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) & (b): National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW) conducted a study in collaboration with Institute of Rural Research and Development, S.M.Sehgal Foundation, Gurgaon on "An Assessment of Convergence of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan with Selected Central and State Government Schemes" in Mewat, Haryana. The final report of the study was submitted recently. Among other things, the study has reported, shortage of female teachers, inadequate infrastructure facilities, lack of maintenance of toilets and safe drinking water facilities, lack of awareness among the members of the School Management Committee and limited participation of the community.

(c): The salient findings of the study have been shared with the Department of School Education and Literacy, MHRD, GOI and the School Education Department, Government of Haryana for appropriate action.