

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

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EDUCATION IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that children in naxal affected areas are facing lots of problems and finding it difficult to go to schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to address this problem in naxal affected districts of the country;
- (d) whether the Government is also aware that drop-out rates are very high in naxal affected and tribal areas;
- (e) if so, the details of drop-out rates during the last three years;
- (f) whether the Government has earmarked budget for children of naxal affected areas; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the special incentives thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b) The Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas overlap with tribal and forest areas where distance and terrain are an issue. Incidents of damage/ closing of schools have been reported and Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh have also reported difficulties in construction of permanent structures.

(c) In order to address access and retention of children in the 6-14 years age group in the LWE districts, 10,551 primary schools, 13,715 upper primary schools, 1,04,959 additional classrooms, 51,600 girls' toilets and 8,121 toilets have been sanctioned in these districts under SSA.

In 2012-13 special training for mainstreaming 6,59,668 out of school children into regular schools have been sanctioned for LWE districts and 889 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) are functional in these districts where 36.61% of the total intake are ST girls.

These interventions have inter-alia resulted in an increase in enrolment in LWE districts from 2,16,98,119 in 2005-06 to 2,53,85,043 in 2011-12.

(d) & (e) As per School Education Statistics (SES) brought out by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, drop out rates in the States with Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts have been showing a decreasing trend in many areas since inception of SSA. However, in a few areas, the progress is not satisfactory. A comparative statement indicating the drop out rates in the States with LWE for the years 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 is given at Annexure.

(f) & (g) Rs.1002901 lakh i.e. 17% of the total funds sanctioned under SSA for the year 2011-12 went to the 82 LWE affected districts while for the year 2012-13, Rs. 1150503.60 lakhs i.e. 16% of the total funds sanctioned under SSA went to these districts. A summary of the provisioning in key components during these two years is indicated in the table below with comparative percentage of the national approvals for the respective component.

Items	2011-12 Number	% of	2012-13 Number	% of
total	total			
Opening of New PS (including EGS to PS)	386	10%	412	40%
Opening of new UPS	354	21%	381	24%
Total teachers	38682	26%	27829	23%
Construction of PS buildings	90	31%	379	27%
Construction of UPS buildings	323	44%	383	18%
Construction of Addl.	43364	19%	46938	27%

Classrooms

KGBV	659	18%	887	23%
SSA (Financial, Rs. In lakh)	970645	17%	1093660.26	16%
KGBV (financial, Rs. In lakh)	Rs.24071 24071	11%	51102.17	28%
NPGEL (financial, Rs. In lakh)	Rs.8186	21%	5741.17	24%
Total Funds (Financial, Rs. In lakh)	1002901	17%	1150503.60	16%