

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CASTE BASED SEGREGATION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the persistence of caste-based segregation of children in primary schools which alleged that Dalit children have been asked to sit separately from higher caste children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A study on inclusion and exclusion of children in schools was commissioned by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in 6 States (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan) in 2011. The study has revealed that in Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan there were incidents of segregated seating arrangements in classrooms.

(c): The Ministry of Human Resource Development has taken the issue of discriminatory practices very seriously and detailed guidelines to prevent discrimination have been issued by the Ministry on 26th October, 2012 to all States/UTs for wide dissemination and compliance.