

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

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AVAILABILITY OF CLASSROOMS IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of classrooms required to meet the goal of providing universal primary and secondary education to the children in the country;
- (b) the total number of classrooms available in the country at present in public sector and private sector; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill the above gap?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): As per the District Information System for Education (DISE) data collected annually by the National University for Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), the Student-Classroom Ratio (SCR) during 2010-11 for elementary schools is 31:1. Since its inception, the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has sanctioned 17.92 lakh additional classrooms and 3.04 lakh primary & upper primary schools to de-congest classrooms.

With regard to secondary schools in the Government sector, the requirement of additional classrooms during the 11th Five Year Plan was worked out to be 80,500.

As per the data collected from the Secondary Education Management Information System (SEMIS) 2010-11, the classrooms available in secondary schools are as under:

Govt. Secondary Schools	Govt. Aided Secondary Schools	Private Secondary Schools	Total Classrooms
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2,13,602	1,73,261	2,99,711	6,86,574
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The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) provides for the strengthening of the existing secondary schools including additional classrooms, science laboratory, library etc. During the last 3 years of the implementation of the scheme, 49,356 additional classrooms have been sanctioned under the RMSA.