

**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) School Education in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts is often affected by damage to school buildings, teacher vacancies etc.

(c) The Government has taken several steps to address these issues under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), wherein LWE districts are provided targeted funding on a priority basis, especially for the construction of school infrastructure and for the creation of teacher posts.

(d) & (e) The annual average dropout rate in LWE districts in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Odisha and West Bengal is slightly higher than the respective States' overall annual average dropout rate. The details of annual dropout rates during the last three years for the entire country, in LWE districts and tribal districts at primary level are as under:

Year	Dropout rate in	Dropout rate in	Overall dropout rate	LWE districts	tribal districts
2009-10	9.8	8.7	9.1		
2010-11	7.3	7.3	6.7		
2011-12	7.3	8.4	6.6		

(f) & (g) For the year 2012-13, 16% of the total funds sanctioned under the SSA were approved for LWE districts. Provisioning in key components for 2012-13 is indicated below.

Items	Number	% of total
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Construction of primary school buildings 379 27%

Construction of upper primary school buildings 383 18%

Construction of additional classrooms 46938 27%

Teacher posts 27829 23%

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas 975 24%hostels/residential schools