

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MUSHROOMING OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per ASER report 2012 of the Non-Governmental Organisation Pratham, 28 percent of children in rural areas are going to private schools and this percentage is likely to rise to 50 percent by the year 2018;
- (b) if so, the State-wise percentage of rural children going to private schools along with the rationale behind the said fact; and
- (c) the action plan formulated by the Government to check the mushrooming of private schools in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b):The Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), which is an assessment brought out annually by PRATHAM, a non-governmental organisation, has in its Report of 2012 mentioned that 28% of children in rural areas go to private schools. However, according to the District Information System for Education (DISE), which is a school-based national data base on elementary education, the percentage of children in private schools in rural areas was 16.99 in 2011-12 at elementary level, which was marginally higher than in the preceding year.. The state-wise percentage of rural children going to private schools at the elementary level in 2011-12 is annexed.

(c):Under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, which became operative from 1st April, 2010, every private school, including those in rural areas, has to seek recognition from the prescribed authority, and shall be granted recognition only if it fulfills the norms and standards specified under the RTE Act.