

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

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EDUCATION IN MINORITY DOMINATED DISTRICTS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of fund allocated, released and spent for development of primary schools and education in minority populated districts of the country during the current financial year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government had set target for setting up of 260 new primary schools in minority populated areas by March, 2013;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the details of schools opened so far, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has failed to achieve its target; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve the educational condition in minority populated areas?

**Answer**

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

- (a): A statement showing the total outlay and expenditure incurred under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme in 121 minority districts of the country during the current financial year is at Annexure-I.
- (b) & (c): In 2012-13, 258 new primary schools had been sanctioned for the minority districts, out of which, 172 new primary schools have been opened till 31.12.2012. State-wise list is at Annexure-II.
- (d) & (e): In order to improve the educational opportunities for elementary education in minority districts, the SSA provides for inter alia, new schools, additional classrooms, additional teachers, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas for girls, free textbooks to all children from classes I – VIII including Urdu textbooks in Urdu medium schools, free uniforms to girls and BPL boys.