

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ROAD MAP FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of roadmap prepared by the Government to make primary education for all by 2017;
- (b) the present status of primary education in the country, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the special emphasis given by the Government to pull up the deficit States in primary education; and
- (d) the manner in which quality in education is proposed to be maintained in the 12th Plan period?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 mandates free and compulsory education for all children in the age group of 6-14 years. All the States /UTs have notified their neighbourhood norms to ensure the availability of primary schools. The number of primary schools State-wise and enrolment therein as per the District Information System for Education (DISE) 2011-12 is at Annexure. Through the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), the Central Government supports the States/UTs in opening new primary schools, construction of school buildings, teacher posts, free uniforms, free text books, school grants etc., as per the requirement of the concerned State/UT. The intention is to ensure that no children are out of school by 2017.
- (d) The 12th Plan focus is on broad-based improvements in the quality of education, with specific emphasis on improving learning outcomes for which inter-alia exemplar material on continuous and comprehensive evaluation in elementary schools, has been developed by the NCERT and shared with all States for use in tracking student progress and required remedial teaching.