

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

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of neighbourhood schools established till date, with disability friendly construction;
- (b) the total number of teachers recruited during 2011-12 for such schools;
- (c) whether the recent cap on subsidised LPG, may affect mid-day meal at such neighbourhood schools and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of properly functioning toilets, specially for girl students in such schools?

Answer

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

- (a) As per the District Information System for Education (DISE) 2011-12, there are 10,78,407 Government elementary schools in the country and 54% of these have barrier free access.
- (b) Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), 19.82 lakh teachers posts have been sanctioned till 2012-13, out of which, 12.86 lakh have been recruited till 31.12.2012. Overall there are 42.89 lakh teachers in Government schools in the country.
- (c) Only 31% elementary schools depend on LPG connection for the Mid Day Meal scheme for whom additional funds have been made available on the existing funding pattern, to meet the demand for LPG over-heads.
- (d) As per the DISE 2011-12, 65.35% of schools have separate girls' toilets and 88% of them are functional. A maintenance grant is provided to schools annually under the SSA programme.