

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURAL UPGRADATION OF SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite a 52% increase in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) budget for the infrastructural upgradation of schools between 2010-11 and 2012-13, it has not translated into any significant increase in the number of schools meeting the Right to Education norms;

(b) if so, the details of the infrastructural upgradation of schools made between this period; and

(c) the budget allocation for this sector in the budget 2013-14 and the effective steps being taken to improve the infrastructure facilities in the schools?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. In 2011-12, there has been an increase of 13,803 government elementary schools over the previous year, as per the elementary school statistics collected under the District Information System for Education (DISE) annual database.

The creation of school infrastructure and buildings takes time and progress is reflected in the subsequent years. Between 2010-11 and 2012-13, 30972 primary school building, 10700 upper primary school buildings, 688421 additional classrooms (in lieu of upper primary schools and as per pupil teacher ratio), 518700 toilets and 31678 drinking water facilities have been sanctioned to the States/UTs under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).

(c) For 2013-14, the budgetary provision indicated for the SSA is Rs.27258.00 crore, which is 14.17% higher than the RE level of 2012-13. Close monitoring of completion of school infrastructure facilities is undertaken under the SSA, to ensure that the State's/UT's utilize the allocated funds and meet residual gaps as per standards laid down by the RTE Act, 2009.