

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:507
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2013
CHILD ABUSE
Krishnaswamy Shri M.

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

- (a) whether it is fact that 33% girl child is abused in schools and 48% girls abused on way to schools as reported in print media;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken to avoid such situation in schools with some action plan in coordination with the State Governments?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There have been isolated media reports about a study done across 480 households which revealed that 33% respondents said that the girl child was abused in school, 48% said that the girl child was abused while going to school and 43% said that girls faced problems while going to school. This study has not been shared with the Ministry. However, as the Government is seized of the importance of the issue, many steps have been taken to provide safety and security to children.

The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005 prioritizes gender as an important guiding principle in all curricular areas and stipulates that gender be an integral part of all disciplines offered to children at school stage. Gender concerns have been integrated in the curriculum and in the textbooks drawn up by the National Council of Education Research & Training (NCERT) and widely used by these schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and by the schools affiliated to various State Education Boards. The State Councils of Education Research & Training (SCERT) which prescribe textbooks for the State Government schools have redesigned school textbooks to make these gender sensitive. The CBSE has decided to offer an elective course on 'Human Rights and Gender Studies' for classes XI and XII from 2013-14 session onwards. Gender concerns are also addressed in the in-service teacher training programs of regular school teachers.