

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

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BASIC FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS

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

- (a) whether as per the recent survey report of Child Rights and You (CRY), most of the schools in the country are still without toilets, safe drinking water and a library;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of schools which lack infrastructural facilities, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and released during each of the last three years and the current year for providing the infrastructural facilities in the schools, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the effective steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the issue?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The said survey report of Child Rights and You (CRY) has not been shared with the Ministry. The States/UTs have made improvement in the provisioning of school infrastructure, especially after coming into force of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. A State/UT-wise statement indicating the number of schools lacking toilets and drinking water facilities out of the 10,78,407 Government elementary schools in the country, as per the District Information System for Education (DISE) 2011-12, is at Annexure-I.

A State/UT-wise statement indicating the details of funds released during each of the last three years and during the current year for providing the infrastructural facilities in the schools is at Annexure-II.

Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), all new school buildings are sanctioned as composite buildings which include toilets for girls and boys, drinking water facilities and electrification. For existing rural schools, drinking water and toilet facilities are constructed in convergence with the schemes of the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation. Since the inception of the SSA programme 3,06,667 school buildings, 8,81,437 toilets, 2,31,197 drinking water facilities have been sanctioned to the States/UTs. Around 54% of such schools have libraries as per the DISE 2011-12.