

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY OF EDUCATION

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

- (a) the per capita expenditure on each student in the Government schools;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy to determine the quality outcomes in school education under the RTE Act and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is no focus on outcome based learning under the current Act and the model rules for RTE and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any study to determine the improvement in quality of teaching at the school level during the last three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Each Government school receives financial assistance through various schemes/components funded by the Central and State governments. Therefore it is not possible to calculate the per capita expenditure in Government schools on the basis of any one scheme, such as the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). Measurements of learning outcomes occur mainly at the school level. However, the National Learners Assessment Survey, conducted every three years, provides a comprehensive and detailed indication of improvements in learning outcomes.

(c) to (e): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, provides for continuous and comprehensive evaluation in order to focus on the learning outcomes of every child in an ongoing manner and to ensure that children needing extra support are provided such support by the teacher. The National Achievement Surveys (NAS) are conducted by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) once in three years for classes III, V & VIII in government and government aided schools to review trends in learning levels. Till now, three rounds of NAS have been completed for class V and the two rounds for classes III & VIII. The findings of these studies show moderate improvement in learning levels, even though the overall achievement levels are low.