

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

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VILLAGE EDUCATION COMMITTEES
Jindal Shri Naveen

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

- (a) whether Village Education Committees(VECs) have been constituted all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including their role in improving rural primary education;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch awareness and advocacy campaigns to enhance public participation through VECs;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 289 for answer on 9th December 2009 regarding Village Education Committees asked by Shri Naveen Jindal.

(a) & (b): Village/ school level committees have been constituted in all States/UTs. However, the nomenclature of the committees varies from State to State; they are known as Village Education Committee (VEC), School Development and Management Committee (SDMC)/ School Monitoring Committee (SMC)/ Vidyalaya Shiksha Samiti (VSS) / Vidyalaya Kalyan Samiti (VKS), Jan Bhagidari and Vikas Samiti (JBVS), etc in different States. The village/ school committees are expected, inter alia to support the functioning of the school, monitor the enrolment and attendance of children and teachers, supervise the construction of classrooms, toilets and other civil works, plan for utilisation of the school development grant and school maintenance grant provided under SSA, and also supervise the implementation of the mid day meal programme.

(c) & (d): Village/ school level committees play a critical role in creating awareness and advocating for the universalisation of elementary education. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for two-day training of community leaders, which includes inter alia sessions on the role of the community in universalisation of elementary education, reducing gender and social category gaps, organising enrolment drives to reach out-of-school children, and organising Bridge Courses to manage centres under the Alternative and Innovative Education (AIE) interventions of SSA. For this purpose a sum of Rs. 28.62 crore has been provided in the Annual Work Plans and Budget (AWP&B) of different States for the year 2009-10.