

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

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OVER CROWDING OF SCHOOL BUSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a general tendency to over-load school buses in most of the cities of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the life of students boarding these buses may be at stake as a result thereof;
- (c) whether any directions have been issued at national level in this regard;and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure compliance of these directions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d) In March 2006, the Ministry of Human Resource Development had advised State Governments to issue detailed instructions to their field level functionaries of Police, Transport and Education Departments, regarding safe transport of the school children. It was emphasized therein that the relevant provisions of Motor Vehicle Act and Rules should be enforced strictly and that the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (civil) No.13029 of 1985 on 20.11.1997 and 16.12.1997 are followed in letter and in spirit with regard to transport of school children to and from the schools. The State Governments were also requested to regularly monitor the compliance of the directions given in the matter by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.