

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether despite a 52% increase in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan budget for the infrastructural upgradation of schools between 2010-11 and 2012-13, no significant increase in the number of schools meeting the Right to Education Acts norms has taken place;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the infrastructural upgradation of schools made during the said period and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the funds allocated for the purpose in the budget 2013-14; and
- (d) the effective steps being taken to improve the infrastructural facilities in the schools?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No Madam. In 2012-13, there has been an increase of 22116 government elementary schools over the previous two years as per the elementary school statistics collected under the District Information System for Education (DISE) annual database.

The creation of school infrastructure and buildings takes time and progress is reflected in the subsequent years. Between 2010-11 to 2013-14, 33768 primary school buildings, 10827 upper primary school buildings, 691230 additional classrooms (in lieu of upper primary schools and as per pupil teacher ratio), 546513 toilets and 34671 drinking water facilities have been sanctioned to the States/UTs under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).

(c) & (d) For 2013-14, the budgetary provision indicated for SSA is Rs. 27258.00 crore, which is 14.17% higher than the RE level of 2012-13. Close monitoring of the completion of school infrastructure facilities is undertaken under the SSA, to ensure that States/UTs utilize the allocated funds and meet residual gaps as per the Right of the Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, standards.