

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

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EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the students in rural areas are deprived of quality education due to shortage of teachers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to promote students to the next class by examination method in place of grading system and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to bring school management under PPP model for imparting quality education in the rural areas; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Since the inception of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in 2001-02, a total 19.84 lakh teacher posts have been sanctioned across the country till 2013-14, against which 14.80 lakh teacher posts have been filled up upto 30.09.2013.
- (c): The Section 29 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, mandates a Comprehensive and Continuous Evaluation System and provides additional instructions on the need-based Assessment of Learning Ability of each child [Section 24(d)].
- (d) & (e): No Madam, The RTE Act, 2009, which became operative w.e.f. 01st April, 2010, emphasizes the need for public participation through School Management Committees (SMCs) for imparting quality education in rural areas. The revised framework for the implementation of the SSA provides that the objective of equitable quality education can be attained only with the active participation of all stakeholders including parent, teachers, community members, civil society and children.