

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to identify the factors responsible for teacher absenteeism;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in pursuance of its goal of reducing teacher absenteeism in primary schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to 10%?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Government conducted a study on Teachers' Absence in primary and upper primary schools in three States Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh to identify the factors responsible for teachers' absence in the year 2006-07. The reasons reported for teachers' absence were inter-alia, teachers were on leave, on duty outside school, and on training. One more study was commissioned in 2006-07 to obtain data on teacher attendance in primary and upper primary schools in 19 major States and NCT of Delhi. According to this study, the average attendance rate for teachers was 81.7%.

(c) The Framework for Implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) was amended in November, 2006 to provide for a greater role of Panchayati Raj bodies in the supervision and monitoring of schools, including teacher attendance.