

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:296
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2009
QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the standard of education imparted by certain Government run schools is lower than that of several private run schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment in this regard;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the remedial steps being taken to focus on improvement of the quality of education in Government run schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 296 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.09 ASKED BY DR. MEHBOOB BEG AND SHRI GHANSHYAM ANURAGI REGARDING QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

(a) to (e) The standard of school education is uneven across the country. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) conducts National learning achievement survey every three years to assess the level of achievement of children in Government and Government aided schools in different subject areas at the end of classes III, V and VII/VIII. The outcomes in the second round of the National learning achievement survey show improvement over the first round as per the following details:

Class Language Maths EVS/ Science Social
Science

	Round I	Round II	Round I	Round II	Round I	Round II	Round I	Round II
III	63.12	67.84	58.25	61.89	-	-	-	-
V	58.87	60.31	46.51	48.46	50.30	52.19	-	-
VII	52.24	57.35	30.50	40.38	37.78	42.86	34.04	44.73
VIII	53.86	56.49	39.17	42.57	41.30	42.71	46.19	47.89

Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan several activities have been undertaken to improve the quality of elementary education. These include, inter alia, recruitment of 10.10 lakh additional teachers to improve pupil teacher ratio, regular in-service training of teachers, free

distribution of textbooks for children in primary and upper primary classes, learning enhancement programmes for mathematics and language, school and teacher grants, academic support to primary and upper primary schools through Block Resource Centres (BRC) and Cluster Resource Centres (CRC), remedial teaching for children. As per Selected Educational Statistics (SES) 2006-07 70.31% children have passed the High School examination, and 74.04% have passed the Higher Secondary examination. The pass percentage in Class X and XII examinations conducted by CBSE in 2009 is as follows:

Category of schools	Class X	Class XII
Government	80.08	82.81
Government Aided	78.16	75.68
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan	96.35	91.32
Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya	97.84	94.09
Central Tibetan School Administration	92.77	91.15
Independent Public Schools	91.89	80.94
Overall	89.52	85.99

The Government has launched the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan to improve access and quality of education at the secondary level.