

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

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SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS AND BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of schools are still short of teachers and a number of schools operate out of Kachcha buildings and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether underprivileged children still continue to drop out due to caste discrimination, inadequate pre-schooling and sheer poverty;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) : The government has financially supported States to build school infrastructure and recruit additional teachers to provide teachers in elementary schools as per the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 norms. A total of 19.85 lakh additional teacher posts have been sanctioned under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) so far, against which 15.06 lakh teachers have been appointed till 31st March, 2014 by States/UTs. As per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 2013-14, there are more than 36,000 schools with Kachcha classrooms in the country.

(b) & (c): A study conducted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) on reasons for drop out of SC/ST/Muslim children at primary level indicates that major reasons for drop out at primary level are economic reasons, help in domestic work, lack of interest in studies and migration of parents to other places.

(d) : Under the SSA a multi-pronged approach has been adopted for reducing drop out rates. This includes, inter-alia, strengthening of school infrastructure and facilities, community ownership and training, provisioning for additional teachers, provision for free text books, two sets of uniforms to all girl children, SC/ST and BPL boys, residential upper primary Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyayas for girls from SC, ST, OBC and Minority communities and the Mid Day Meal Scheme. At the secondary level, the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) has been launched for universal access to secondary education, removing gender and socio- economic disparities in access to education, the National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE) to promote the enrolment of girl child belonging mainly to SC/ST communities in secondary schools, are being implemented.