GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether the primary education infrastructure under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in the country is very bad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has received any grievances from the States in the implementation of SSA;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, 3.10 lakh school buildings, 18.57 lakh additional classrooms, 2.36 lakh drinking water facilities, 9.74 lakh toilets and 19.85 lakh additional teacher posts have been sanctioned to States / UTs. Besides, an annual maintenance grant @ Rs. 5,000/- per school per year for schools with three classrooms and Rs. 10,000/- per school per year for schools with more than three classrooms is provided, for the maintenance of school infra- structure including toilets.
- (c) to (e): References on various aspects of SSA are received from the State Governments, which include interalia, change in Centre-State funding pattern, enhancement of norms, fund releases etc. References received from States are responded to by the Central Government based on the approved SSA scheme, status of a State's expenditure and utilization position.