GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2072 ANSWERED ON:23.07.2014 REVIVING UNFEASIBLE SCHOOLS Yadav Shri Om Prakash

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

- (a) the number of schools run by the Central Government and various State Governments which are unfeasible due to very low enrolment;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan of handing over such schools to NGOs/private players to run on learning contracts;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the manner in which Government proposes to revive these schools?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Central Government runs Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas and none of these are unfeasible due to very low enrolment. There are schools in the State governments which have low enrolment, however under the Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, State governments have an obligation to provide a neighbourhood school as per norms. It is in the domain of State governments concerned, to decide on strategies and modalities for managing these schools.