GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:566 ANSWERED ON:06.05.2015 ROLE OF CORPORATES IN EDUCATION Suresh Shri Doddaalahalli Kempegowda

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

(a) whether the share of Central and State Governments in school education has not kept pace with the population growth and if so, the details thereof along with investment made by State and non-State sector in the field;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of increasing role of corporates in promoting school education;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(d) the stand of the Government in encouraging and promoting non-State entities including corporate sector in the school education?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 566 FOR 6.5.2015 REGARDING "ROLE OF CORPORATES IN EDUCATION" ASKED BY SHRI D.K. SURESH, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

(a) to (d) Education is a subject in the concurrent list of the Constitution. In the School education system across the country, Government, Government-aided and privately managed schools co-exist. As per the latest UDISE data, the percentage of elementary schools under Private management is 17.8% whereas for secondary schools it is 39.5%. Government of India financially supports all States and Union Territories (UTs), for augmentation and improvement of school infrastructure under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) programmes for elementary and seco- ndary education respectively. The SSA, since 2001 has successfully supported States/UTs to achieve near universal enrollment at eleme- ntary education level. The RMSA is a younger programme launched in 2009, adding to access and school infrastructure, year on year.

Further, in pursuit of the National call to provide separate toilets for girls and boys in all government schools within a year, Central Public Sector Units (PSUs) and other private corporates have committed to construction of 1.67 lakh and 4562 toilets respectively, in gover- nment schools, under their Corporate Social Responsibility.