

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

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

- (a) whether her Ministry has set up an emergency response mechanism in schools across the country to deal with situations like natural disasters such as earthquake, fire, violence, falls, stampedes, terror attacks, suicide attempts or children falling sick due to stale, contaminated mid-day meal, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any directives to the State Governments to get CCTVs installed in all schools;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the States/ Schools in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Government has issued guidelines to States/UTs to incorporate designs and parameters in construction of schools which are resistant to earthquakes and provide protection against fire, flood and other natural calamities. The Government has also advised the States to put in place Emergency Medical Plan in the schools to avoid any untoward incidents. Fire extinguishers have been installed in most of the schools.

The Ministry has also issued guidelines on Food Safety and Hygiene for school based kitchens in February, 2015 which inter alia include guidelines to prevent food contamination etc.