

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES PROGRAMMES FOR RURAL CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes/programmes introduced by the Government to attract children to schools in rural areas during the last three years;
- (b) whether certain schemes have been envisaged to nurture the talent/potential of rural children and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which these schemes/ programmes have been beneficial to the children residing in rural areas?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 became operative with effect from 1 April, 2010 and the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) continues to be implemented to ensure universal access to elementary education. The Government has also launched the Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat, a sub-programme of the SSA to improve foundational learning in classes I & II in Maths and Language. The Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme of setting up a residential school in each district from class 6 to 12, is especially targeted for helping rural children who are academically proficient.