

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that private schools/institutions have become more commercial in nature;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the steps taken by the Government to put a check on this issue;
- (c) whether there is a shortage of over one million qualified teachers, especially in primary schools and if so, the facts thereof;
- (d) whether children from villages particularly from backward and remote villages are deprived from receiving quality education and if so, whether there is an urgent need to start public private partnership model for setting up world class schools in these areas; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Education being a subject under the concurrent list, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned to prevent commercial activities of private schools/institutions. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has stipulated the following measures to prevent the commercial activities of private schools/institutions affiliated with CBSE:-

I. Fees charges should commensurate with the facilities provided by the institution.

II. The school should not subject the child or his or her parents or guardians to any screening procedure.

III. The unaided schools should consult parents through parents' representatives before revising the fees. The fee should not be revised during the mid-session.

(c): State Governments create the post of the teachers as per their requirement and recruit them. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), provides support to States/UTs for recruitment of additional teachers. A total of 19.84 lakh additional teacher posts have been sanctioned at elementary level upto 2014-15 under the programme, against which 15.06 lakh teachers have been recruited upto 31st March, 2014. Thus, 4.78 lakh teacher posts are vacant under SSA. In addition there are vacancies borne on the State Cadre.

(d) and (e): The Rashtriya Madhyamik shiksha Abhiyan was launched in 2009 to make quality secondary education available and accessible to all eligible young persons in the country by State Government and local bodies. Presently, the provisions of the scheme are extended to Government Secondary Schools and with some modifications to Government Aided Schools. No assistance is provided to private schools.