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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has released any funds for setting up of Alternative Learning Centres to facilitate mainstreaming of out of school children into formal education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of students that have been able to go back to school after attending these centres, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Under Section 4 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, special Training Centres have been established for out-of-school children to provide bridge learning programmes for children in the 6-14 years age group to ensure their subsequent mainstreaming to regular elementary schools in age-appropriate classes.

In the year 2013-14, an amount of ₹ 429.28 crore was spent for the coverage of 11,90,337 out-of-school children under Special Training. The State-wise details of the number of children mainstreamed in regular schools after special training is given in Annexure.