

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

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STUDY ON BASIC FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of a recent study conducted by Child Relief and You (CRY) in 750 schools across 71 districts in 13 States, which has revealed that more than 11% of schools didn't have toilets, 34% were unusable, and more than 70% didn't have water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes Madam. A study conducted by the Child Relief and You (CRY) in 2013 in 750 schools across 71 district in 13 States shows that more than 11% of school didn't have toilets, 34% were unusable and 20% schools didn't have safe drinking water.

Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme 9.56 lakh toilets and 2.36 lakh drinking water facilities have been sanctioned to States and the Union Territories (UTs) till 2014-15. Apart from this annual maintenance grant and school grant is also provided to government schools. In pursuit to the national call to provide toilets in all schools within a year, many corporates have also committed to construction / renovation of toilets in schools.