

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

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FREE EDUCATION TO POOR IN KVS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide free education and study material to the poor students of Kendriya Vidyalayas and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that in many backward areas, there is no good school as a result of which children of these areas do not get quality education and remain backward for ever and if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Idukki in the list of hard stations considering the geographical and socio-economic peculiarities of the region and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the current status of the construction of new building for the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Idukki?

Answer

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

- (a) In Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs), children admitted under RTE Act, 2009,(i.e. 25% admissions in Class-I) are provided free and compulsory education up to Class VIII which includes complete fee exemption and reimbursement of expenditure on books, stationery, uniform & transportation as per norms.
- (b) To implement the RTE Act, 2009, the central government has supported States and UTs under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) to set up neighborhood schools in the government sector, as per distance norms notified by the State RTE rules. These schools offer free education to all children who seek admission in them. Under the SSA, several measures have been introduced to enhance quality of learning outcomes.
- (c) Proposals for declaring a station as a hard station are examined by a Committee with reference to the criteria fixed for the purpose, and if recommended, are placed before the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for approval.
- (d) 74% work of the K.V. school building in Idukki has been completed up to November, 2014.