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Title: Need to give a boost to education in Bihar.

**SHRI KIRTI AZAD (DARBHANGA) :** The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) has been delivering on almost all major indicators across India. However, the State of Bihar, which holds the dubious distinction of being the most illiterate state in the country, is seen to be performing dismally. The latest data available for Bihar shows that out of 2214 new teachers inducted and 18,702 in-service teachers, whose training has been approved, not even one teacher has undergone training. Similarly, out of 200 Principals and 690 Trainers who had to undergo training, not even one has been trained.

Not only on quality index, Bihar has been lagging far behind on infrastructural development as well. It is appalling to see that out of 596 Science Labs, 1368 Computer Labs, 1019 Art and Crafts Room and 817 Libraries which have been approved, not even one has been started. In addition, there are huge vacancies for teachers against RMSA approvals.

It is amply clear that Bihar has been making no progress in the field of education despite having an unspent balance of Rs.147.52 crores under the scheme. India's demographic dividend is its greatest strength. In order to realize our dream to be a global superpower, our children need to be well educated and well equipped. It is our duty to ensure that no kid is denied an opportunity to have a bright future. I thus, request the Minister of HRD to ensure that the issues are expeditiously addressed, so that Bihar can walk the path of development at par with others.