

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2566
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th MARCH, 2018

Students Exchange Programme

2566. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans for student exchange programme between rural and urban schools in the country;
- (b) if so, the details along with the aims and objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has asked the States/UTs to organized such student exchange programmes and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the States/UTs in this regard;
- (d) the number of student exchange programmes has been organized so far;
- (e) the number of student who have been benefited from the said exchange programmes so far; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to give exposure to students on varied economic, socio-cultural and academic parameters in rural and urban areas?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

- a): Yes, Madam.
- (b) to (f): All States/UTs were requested in July, 2015 to identify some schools for a student

interaction and exchange programme between rural and urban schools so that children get exposure on varied economic, socio-cultural and academic parameters in rural and urban areas. A concept paper on “Partnership among Schools Programme” was accordingly circulated to all State/UT Governments. States and UTs have reported on the SSA Shagun online monitoring portal that 21,228 schools in 2016-17 and 1.62 lakh schools in 2017-18 have participated in the student interaction and exchange programme between rural and urban schools.

Further, the Department of School Education & Literacy has prepared a Roadmap for transforming School Education in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. Under the said roadmap one of the important activities is the “Student Exchange Programme”. Under the programme, 500 Students and 50 Supervisors/Teachers from Government Schools of various Districts of J&K visited and interacted with students of Delhi from 18th to 27th January, 2018. It provided a good opportunity for the students of J&K to be acquainted with culture, language and development story of different parts of the country.
