

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 27.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN RURAL AREAS .

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Dr. Janardhan Waghmare

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :-
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF
SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1006 TO BE
ANSWERED ON 27th NOVEMBER, 2009 Education infrastructure in rural areas 1006. DR. JANARDHAN
WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the harsh fact that education in the rural areas suffers from inadequate infrastructure and quality teachers; and
- (b) if so, the steps that would be taken to raise the standard of education at all the level?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (b) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), which is a flagship scheme of the Government of India for universalization of elementary education, is being implemented in all States and UTs of the country. Under SSA, funds are provided to States/UTs both for appointment of teachers and for creation and upgradation of physical infrastructure in elementary schools.

Under the SSA programme, 2.63 lakh school buildings, 11.05 lakh additional classrooms, 1.98 lakh drinking water and 3.34 lakh toilet facilities have been approved for elementary schools so far. 9.30 lakh school toilet units have been constructed under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) and 8.52 lakh rural schools have been provided drinking water supply from National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and State schemes.

Under SSA, several activities have also been undertaken to improve the quality of elementary education. This includes, inter alia, recruitment of 9.91 lakh additional teachers to improve the pupil teacher ratio, in-service training of teachers for a period of 20 days every year, free distribution of textbooks for primary and upper primary classes to about 8.76 crore students, school development grant to schools and grants to teachers for teaching learning material, academic support to primary and upper primary schools through 6472 Block Resource Centres and 69268 Cluster Resource Centres, remedial teaching to children and upto 2% of district outlays for learning enhancement programmes.