

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**STANDARD OF TEACHING .**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to raise the standard of teaching in schools in the country;
- (b) if so, the measures Government is taking in this regard; and
- (c) whether it also requires increased investment in Public Private Partnership Programme to improve quality of education at the bottom?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, several steps have been taken to improve the quality of elementary education. These include, recruitment of 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 provision of school development grants to schools and teacher's grant for teaching learning material, academic support to primary and upper primary schools through Block Resource Centres, and remedial teaching to children. A new scheme called "Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan", has been launched in March, 2009 with the objective of universalisation of access to secondary education and for improvement of quality.