

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 12.11.2010
ANSWERED ON
TEACHER ABSENTEEISM AND HIGH DROP OUT RATE IN SCHOOLS .

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

- (a) whether the National Advisory Council has expressed concern over absence of one-fourth of the teachers from village-schools and the high drop-out rate especially among the minority and the poor;
- (b) if so, whether Government has ascertained the exact cause of the high drop-out rate and proposes to take any corrective measure in consultation with the State Governments; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): The National Advisory Council, Government of India set up as an interface with civil society, has informed that it has not held any deliberations on the subject of teacher absenteeism and drop out rates in schools. However, the National Advisory Council constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act has held preliminary discussions on several issues for effective implementation of the RTE Act. The RTE Act inter alia contains provisions for compulsory admission, enrolment and completion of elementary education. It also provides for special training to facilitate age appropriate admission of children who have not been able to complete elementary education and provides that such children have a right to free education till completion of elementary education even after fourteen years.