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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3820 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018

Government Schools

3820. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that public schools are seeing a systemic decline in enrolment, resulting in the massive growth of small and tiny government schools as 419,000 (40 percent) of government schools had total enrolment less than 50, and 108,000 schools (10.3% percent) were "tiny" schools with enrolment of less than 20;
- (b) due to these failures of the public school system, whether the Government plans to overhaul the structure of schooling in country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the annual survey of education report surveys and national achievement surveys by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) have also revealed a nationwide learning crisis and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government plans to universalize secondary education by integrating schools from primary to secondary and secondary education with vocational education to provide gainful employment and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the plans composite through vertical integration across levels and to increase school size, ensure better rationalization of teachers?

ANSWER

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

(a) As per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) managed by NIEPA, percentage of enrolment in Government Schools during the years 2013-14 to 2015-16 are given in table below:

School Management/Year	Year			
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	
Government Schools	59.1	56.8	56.2	

Percentage of small and tiny Government schools out of the total Government Schools during the years 2014-15 & 2015-16 are given in table below:

	Year		
School Type	2014-15	2015-16	
Small Schools (Enrolment <50)	36%	37%	
Tiny Schools (Enrolment <20)	9%	10%	

State-wise number of Government schools having enrolment less than 50 and Government schools having enrolment less than 20 are given at Annexure.

(b) to (e) Various steps are already being taken under the scheme Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (schemes) to overhaul the structure of schooling in country.

In pursuance of the proposal of the Union Budget, 2018-19, to treat school education holistically without segmentation from pre-nursery to Class 12, this Department is working on an Integrated Scheme on School Education by subsuming the three Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik ShikshaAbhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). States have already been advised to integrate the administrative structures at various levels created for SSA and RMSA in the States and UTs to achieve productive synergies, better co-ordination and rationalisation of teachers.

Annual Survey of Education Report Surveys (ASER- 2017) report revealed that, overall, 86% of the youth in the 14-18 age group are still within the formal education system, either in the school or in the college.

National Achievement Survey (NAS 2017) was conducted throughout the Country by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) on 13th November, 2017 for Classes III, V and VIII in Government and Government aided Schools.Students of Classes III and V were assessed on Reading Comprehension, Mathematics and Environmental Studies and Class VIII students were assessed on Language, Maths, Science, Social Science. Average performance of Classes III, V and VIII students in the above mentioned subjects can be ascertained with the release of reports at National and State level.

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3820 for 19.03.2018 by SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY regarding Government Schools.

Number of Government Schools during 2014-15 and 2015-16

State/UT Name	All Schools		Schools with Enrolment less than 20		Schools with Enrolment less than 50	
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
A & N Islands	344	344	82	91	164	167
Andhra Pradesh	46666	44907	6498	7671	25616	25265
Arunachal						
Pradesh	3408	3492	956	1101	1986	2054
Assam	52927	53020	3914	5875	18993	22289
Bihar	74291	74689	155	153	1533	1385
Chandigarh	113	115	0	0	0	0
Chhattisgarh	50061	47181	5496	4833	21372	19704
D & N Haveli	299	299	13	15	102	98
Daman & Diu	114	119	3	3	21	26
Delhi	2844	2828	5	5	27	28
Goa	906	894	372	399	694	688
Gujarat	34817	34891	1392	1482	7587	7901
Haryana	14630	14640	391	720	2808	3547
Himachal						
Pradesh	15355	15386	5015	5450	11079	11273
Jammu &						
Kashmir	23874	23834	6891	6630	15863	15756
Jharkhand	41322	41162	1450	1758	12806	13350
Karnataka	50493	50424	10232	10663	22812	23183
Kerala	5104	4793	612	351	1696	1331
Lakshadweep	45	45	0	0	2	2
Madhya Pradesh	121849	121976	8927	11665	48021	54135
Maharashtra	67717	67629	11707	12850	35154	35734
Manipur	2372	3332	546	630	1491	2194
Meghalaya	7763	7775	1367	1309	5333	5245
Mizoram	2592	2591	352	349	1576	1557
Nagaland	2279	2101	378	328	976	843
Odisha	58697	58740	4199	4957	23098	24380
Puducherry	436	430	38	35	120	120
Punjab	20772	20529	1270	1410	6784	7117
Rajasthan	70210	70961	7835	7499	28410	28797
Sikkim	868	870	152	203	452	481
Tamil Nadu	37911	38209	3850	3095	15240	14582
Telangana	29268	29127	4316	4658	13347	13606
Tripura	4326	4322	473	577	1773	1846
Uttar Pradesh	162228	162645	5284	4920	32803	34151
Uttarakhand	17753	17752	6511	6969	12667	12923
West Bengal	82454	82748	3952	4382	25445	27080
All India	1107108	1104800	104634	113036	397851	412838

Source: Unified District information System