

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2134
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018

Inspection of Hostels

2134. SHRIMATI P. K. SREEMATHI TEACHER :

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

- a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a set of guidelines to ensure adequate safety, minimum standard of living conditions and periodic inspections of hostels in schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made to conduct any inspection of school hostels in the country;
and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a) & (b): The Girls Hostel Component of erstwhile Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) which was operational till the year 2017-18 provided hostel facility for girl students in the age group of 14-18 years, studying in classes IX to XII and belonging to SC, ST, OBC, Minority communities and Below Poverty Line families. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) were sanctioned under the erstwhile Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) as residential schools at upper primary level for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and Below Poverty Line (BPL).

Under the newly launched Integrated Scheme of School Education - Samagra Shiksha, effective from the year 2018-19, provision has been made to upgrade the existing KGBVs at upper primary level to upto senior secondary level.

The scheme envisages to provide access and quality education to girls from disadvantaged groups by setting up residential schools from upper primary to senior secondary level to ensure smooth transition of girls from elementary to secondary level.

In order to ensure adequate safety and minimum standard of living conditions for the girls residing in KGBVs, this Department has issued instructions to all State Governments and Union Territories from time to time. Some of the non-negotiable operational aspects of KGBV are:-

- Deputing sensitive and trained women wardens, teachers and staff;
- Posting of watchman for 24 hours;
- Restricted entry of male members in the dormitories;
- Incinerators for the disposal of organic waste;
- Self defence training;
- Good quality and nutritious food;
- Bedding (replacement after every three years);
- Medical care etc.

(c) & (d): For the successful implementation of the Scheme, appropriate mechanism and tools are devised at every level and at regular intervals. Continuous evaluation by State Government agencies through a regular and well-structured system of field visits is conducted. The State Governments send regular half yearly reports indicating physical and financial progress. Also the Panchayati Raj Institutions are involved in monitoring of the scheme.

National Evaluation of KGBVs commissioned by the Department covering 24 States of the country were conducted in the year 2007 and 2013, the report of which is available on the Ministry's website www.mhrd.gov.in.
