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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2210 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018

FREE EDUCATION IN KV

†2210. SHRI RAJENDRA D. GAVIT:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide free education to the children of Group-IV employees working in Atomic Power Station, Tarapur and the children of affected people who have provided land for the project, studying in Kendriya Vidyalaya located in the premises of the Atomic Power Station, Tarapur in Tarapur Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have taken any concrete steps in this regard to provide computer literacy in the schools particularly in rural areas of Maharashtra; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

There is no Kendriya Vidyalaya functioning in the premises of Atomic Power Station, Tarapur, Maharashtra under the management of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. As per information received from the Department of Atomic Energy, part-wise reply to the question is as under:-

- (a): The employees of Tarapur Atomic Power Station under Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) whose children are studying, receive Children's Education Allowance and therefore there is no proposal exists with Atomic Energy Education Society, a school run by aided institute of Department of Atomic Energy.
- (b): As far as children of Project Affected Persons (PAPs) are concerned, as per the provisions of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 25% of the seats are allotted to eligible children of local people including PAPs living in the vicinity, who receive free education as per the provisions of the Act.

Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking of Department of Atomic Energy through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has also taken up many initiatives in Education for the benefit of the surrounding populations including PAPs. These include upgrading infrastructure of schools in the vicinity through construction of classrooms and toilets, providing drinking water, provisions of computers etc. and providing books, school bags and aids to students.

In addition, Societal Enrichment and Education Programme (SEEP), for tribal and rural communities in and around Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS) have been implemented and on-going. The programme is providing free education, monthly scholarship, medical facilities, school uniforms, textbooks and notebooks to selected students.

(c) & (d): Computer Education is being imparted from Class I onwards in the schools run by Atomic Energy Education Society all over India.
