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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 25 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 2015

Safety Measures in Schools

25. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any safety audit on schools in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the States and Kendriya Vidyalayas and other such stakeholders to give enough attention to safety measures in schools and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of cases came to the notice of the Government relating to casualties happened in schools due to lack of safety measures during the last three years; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) & (b): No, Madam.
- (c): Guidelines dated 9th October, 2014 on safety and security of children have been issued to all the State Governments and administration of UTs for appropriate action as the majority of schools are under the purview of the States/UTs to ensure safety and well being of children in schools. These guidelines provide preventive mechanisms on aspects including physical access, health & hygiene and psychosocial factors and procedures that should be put in place in the schooling system along with relief and redressal strategies in case of any incident.
- (d) & (e): Such data is not maintained centrally. However, some cases are reported in newspapers from time to time and in such cases, the State Government/UT generally take remedial measures.
