

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016**

Student Exchange Programme

7. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans for student exchange programme between city and village schools in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): All States/UTs have been requested in July, 2015 to identify some schools for a student interaction and exchange programme between rural and urban schools so that children get exposure on varied economic, socio-cultural and academic parameters in rural and urban areas. A concept paper on “Partnership among Schools Programme” has been prepared and circulated to all State/UT Governments. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has reported that 25 Kendriya Vidyalayas have twinned with 25 State Government Schools for this programme. Central Board of Secondary Education has informed that 73 well functioning schools affiliated to the Board have partnered with Government run schools in rural areas.