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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.67 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016

Facilities in Private Schools

67. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that people in the country prefer to educate their wards in private schools as they not only provide better education than Government schools but they are also well equipped and have good teachers;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve and develop Government run schools across the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (b): As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE - 2014-15) there are 11.79 lakhs Government, 1.07 lakhs Government aided and 2.33 lakhs Private Schools in the country. The number of students enrolled in Government, Government aided and Private schools are 13.49 Crore, 2.30 Crore and 9.33 Crore respectively. The quality of education in private schools is not uniform. As per National Achievement Survey (NAS) for Class X conducted in 2015, students from unaided private schools have performed better than both government and government aided schools in all the five subjects, i.e. English, Maths, Science, Social Science and Modern Indian Language in Class X. However, the performance of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Navodaya Vidyalayas (NVs), which are Government run schools under this Ministry, is better than the private unaided schools, both in Class X and XII, as per results of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

(c): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Central Government supports State Governments and UT Administrations for creation and augmentation of infrastructure facilities in schools, and construction of new primary schools, upper primary schools as well as construction of additional classrooms and for provision of teachers. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme called Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) of this Ministry envisages providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation, improving quality of education imparted at secondary level, removal of gender, socio-economic and disability barriers. The scheme also provides for new secondary schools and interventions like additional classrooms, science laboratory, library, computer room, art/craft/culture room, toilets, and drinking water facilities in existing secondary schools besides provision of teachers.
