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IDENTIFICATION OF DISTRICTS FOR IMPLEMENTING SSA

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

- (a) whether Government has identified 314 districts for special attention in order to effectively implement the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);
- (b) if so, the norms fixed for the identification of these districts;
- (c) the details of the districts selected under these norms, State-wise and Union Territory wise; and
- (d) the results obtained due to this, till date?

ANSWER

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(a) to (d): Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Special Focus Districts (SFDs) have been identified on the basis of the following criteria:

Infrastructure Category:

(i) SFD-A: Districts with a primary school to upper primary school ratio exceeding 3:1.

(ii) SFD-B: Districts with a classroom gap exceeding 3000 classrooms.

Programme Category:

(iii) SFD-C: Districts with more than 20,000 out of school children, and districts with a gender gap exceeding 10% at primary and 20% at upper primary level.

Social Category:

(iv) SFD-D: Districts with more than 25% Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe or Minority populations.

Over the years the number of SFDs has been reducing, which is an indication of improvement in infrastructure, reduction in out-of-school children and narrowing of the gender gap. A comparative statement of SFDs for the years 2007-08 and 2010-11 is annexed.