

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per the selected Educational Statistics, 2004-05 compiled by the Ministry of Human Resources Development (with reference date 30-9-2004), Gross Enrollment Ratios for elementary (classes 1-8) secondary (classes 9-10), and higher secondary (classes 11-12) stages were 93.5%, 51.65% and 27.82% respectively. Deficiency in infrastructure is only one of several reasons for some children to remain out of schools.

(b) and (c) Under the centrally sponsored scheme of "Vocationalisation of Secondary Education", vocational courses are offered at the higher secondary stage through opening of vocational sections. In technical education, new courses have been added and intake in existing courses have increased.

(d) As per the 7th All India School Education Survey conducted by National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) with reference date 30.9.2002, details of availability of school buildings are as under:

Type of schools	No. of schools	Type of building				
		Pucca	Partly pucca	Kuchcha	Tents	Open space
Primary	6,51,064	5,25,500	77,932	27,959	1,629	18,044
Upper Primary	2,45,322	2,01,996	30,961	7,390	211	4,764
Secondary	90,741	76,598	10,499	3,090	156	398
Higher secondary	43,869	40,397	3,011	362	32	67

Improvement of infrastructure of schools is a continuous process. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan being implemented by the Government of India, the following schools infrastructure has been provided up to December, 2007.

Sl. No.	Item	Already constructed	In progress
1.	Construction of school buildings	1,41,738	42,798
2.	Construction of additional classrooms	5,57,927	1,98,103
3.	Construction of toilets	1,97,633	24,218
4.	Provision of drinking water facilities	1,54,121	21,298

Boycott of International Satyagraha centennial function

†3564. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had informed some people about the boycott of International Satyagraha Centennial Function, held in J.N.U.;

(b) whether the presence of Dalai Lama was the reason therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government had also given such advice to Hon'ble President?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Resource crunch in Madarsas

3565. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the reports that madarsas in the country are facing severe resource crunch; and

(b) if so, whether Government is taking any steps to support such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A programme of assisting madarsas volunteering to introduce modern subjects of Mathematics, Science, English without affecting traditional as teaching, has been under implementations since the 9th Five Year Plan.

Setting up of new technical Universities

3566. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed by Government for setting up of new Central Universities, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Management and Indian Institute of Information Technology in the country, during 2008-09;

(b) if so, the location-wise/State-wise details thereof, alongwith the financial allocation made by Government for the same; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to achieve the above targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) While Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISERs) at Kolkata, Pune and Mohali are already functioning, IISERs at Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram will be operative with 75 students each from the academic session of 2008-09. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan have been requested to make available suitable building/space for starting Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) classes from the academic session of 2008-09 with an initial student intake of 120 each. Indian Institute of Management (IIMs) at Shillong has already been established and will commence its academic session from 2008-09 with an initial intake of 60 students.

The financial allocation made by the Government for setting up of new Central Universities, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) in the country during 2008-09, is given below: