

Villages without schools

1369. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to identify the villages without schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the way Government intend to address this issue and by when Government intend to conduct a survey;

(d) whether Government propose to establish at least one school in each village of the country;

(e) if so, whether any target has been fixed in this regard and any fund earmarked for the purpose; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) conduct surveys from time to time regarding school education and compiles data/statistics for use by various stake holders. As per the provisional report of the 7th All India School Education Survey (AISES) conducted by NCERT with reference date 30.9.2002, 3.74% of villages have neither primary nor upper primary schooling facilities.

(d) to (f) The norms for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provide for a primary school within one kilometer of every habitation. Upper primary schools are allowed as per requirement, based on the number of children completing primary education, up to a ceiling of one upper primary school/section for every two primary schools. 1,57,967 new schools have been sanctioned up to 2005-06 under SSA. During 2006-07, 64,418 new schools have been sanctioned so far.

Assistance to voluntary organisations under SSA

†1370. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the total number of voluntary organisations which have been provided assistance under 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' by his Ministry in the country during last three years; and

(b) the details of the total number of blocks and villages where in this 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' is being operated in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Under the Innovative and Experimental Education component of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the Ministry of Human Resource Development has provided funds during the last three years *i.e.* 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 to 21, 19 and 30 Voluntary Organizations respectively for running innovative education projects.

(b) All districts and blocks of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan are covered under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, a programme for universalization of Elementary Education run in partnership between Central and State Governments.

Coverage of schools under mid-day meal scheme

1371. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 12 crore children in over 9.50 lakh schools in India are now covered under the mid-day meal scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether under this project over one million people, mainly women from disadvantaged sections, are employed in cooking and serving hot meals to school kids; and

(d) the details of Central assistance that is provided to the States under this project especially with reference to the Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by States and UTs, details of coverage of children and institutions in 2005-06 are given in the enclosed Statement (*See below*).