

**Basic facilities in Government schools**

2436. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over two lakh Government schools in the country do not have basic facilities like water and toilets, with Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand topping the list for such schools;

(b) whether it is a fact that about 47 per cent of schools have common toilets for students who belong to different age groups of six to eighteen years and 8 per cent schools do not have blackboards while 24,388 schools do not even have a teacher; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide basic facilities in all Government schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) As per Analytical Report 2004-05 brought out by NIEPA, based on District Information System for Education, 42.82% government schools at elementary level have common toilets and 78.45% have drinking water facilities. Chhattisgarh has only 3.7% schools of the total Government elementary schools without drinking water facilities in the country and Jharkhand 2.14%. Similarly, Chhattisgarh has 6.3% schools out of total Government elementary schools without toilets and Jharkhand 3.5%. The same source of data also showed that 7.76% Government schools at elementary level lacked blackboards and 21,566 Government schools had no teacher.

School infrastructure facilities are provided incrementally under the centrally sponsored scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan on the basis of Annual Work Plans proposed by States/UTs, district-wise. Under SSA 1,64,100 drinking water facilities, 2,28,307 toilets and 9.97 lakhs teachers have been provided upto 2006-07. In addition, every Government primary and upper primary school is provided a school grant of Rs. 2000 per year.