

Mushrooming of private educational institutions

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

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of proper infrastructure in government schools all over the country has led to the mushrooming growth of private educational institutions;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to improve the quality of education in government schools;

(c) whether Government have taken any measures to check the very high fee structure (donations and building fund etc in the name of quality education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) It is not necessarily the case that the increase in the number of private educational institutions is because of any real or perceived lack of proper infrastructure in Government schools.

(b) Most Government schools are under the control of State Governments. The Government of India is responsible for schools run by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and the Central Tibetan Schools Administration. It is Government's constant endeavour to provide a high quality of model school education. The Central Board of Secondary Education, to which all Central Government schools are affiliated, seeks to enforce a uniformly high quality of education. The National Council for Educational Research and Training is responsible for providing a high quality of textbooks and other material.

(c) and (d) While in respect of private professional courses a central legislation has been drafted for vetting by concerned Ministries for circulation among States and other stake holders for comments, in respect of schools, the respective State Governments/UT Administrations are competent to take appropriate steps to prevent charging of donations to building fund or exorbitant fee.