is also being given for provision of cooked Mid-Day-Meals to children at the Primary stage, and for running residential schools for girls from weaker sections in selected educationally backward blocks. Taken together, these measures substantially address the problem of participation of children belonging to poor families in elementary education.

Performance of Government Schools

- *13. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have assessed the overall results of CBSE, both of 10th and 12th class:
- (b) if so, what has been the performance of the Government Schools *vis-a-vis* the public schools in Delhi, other metros and rural areas on the other hand; and
- (c) whether Government are contemplating any corrective action in light of the assessment to improve performance of the Government schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESORUCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) As per the information provided by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the schools run by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti have a higher pass percentage then that of private independent schools in Delhi and in other parts of the country both in class X and XII in 2005 Board examinations. The pass percentage in the Government Schools affiliated to the CBSE run by the State Government in Delhi and in some other States/UTs are lower both in class X and XII as compared to that of private independent schools in 2005 Board examinations. The comparative pass percentage of Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Novodaya Vidyalayas, Government Schools and private independent Schools for the year 2004 and 2005 examinations are given in statement (See below).

While the performance of schools run by the KVS and the NVS is already better than that in Government and private independent Schools, the efforts is to maintain the levels of performance. The schools run by the Government of Delhi and other States do not fall within the purview of the Central Government.

Statement

Comparative Pass Percentage of Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Novodaya Vidyalayas and Private Independent Schools for the year 2004-05

Category of	Class X		Class XII	
Schools	Year		Year	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
KVS	90.35	89.62	92.62	92.47
JNVS	91.43	90.82	87.68	87.08
Government Schools	45.54	44.55	73.15	73.31
Govt. Aided Schools	59.27	58.27	77.15	75.25
Private Independent Schools	84.83	85.87	80.46	81.28
Overall	72.22	74.60	76.00	77.80

Comparative Pass Percentage for Delhi only

Category of	Class X		Class XII	
Schools	Year		Year	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
KVS	93.13	90.82	97,49	96.39
JNVS	92.31	93.92	94.59	90.54
Government Schools	50.77	48.03	77.82	76.44
Govt. Aided Schools	59.27	58.27	77.15	75.25
Private Independent Schools	87.10	86.36	89.59	89.46

Prohibition of Dowry

*14. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI.

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

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.