

uniforms, textbooks, inclusive education, furniture for upper primary children and provision of Mid-day meal are directly benefitting the children, other interventions viz. provisions for infrastructure, teachers' salary, training of teachers etc. benefit the children indirectly.

Closure of schools for commercial Purposes

2562. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA:

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

- (a) whether there is a growing trend of closing down schools in the country and using the premises for commercial purposes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's remedial measures thereto;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that some schools in South Mumbai, Maharashtra are being closed down for commercial activity; and
- (d) if so, the steps the Ministry is taking to discourage such a trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No such trend is seen in respect of schools affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

(c) and (d) CBSE being a national school education board has not come across such a situation in South Mumbai in Maharashtra with the schools affiliated with the Board.

Setting up of schools by private companies

2563. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has invited private companies to set up schools in the country on a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether any guidelines have been issued regarding the eligibility of the aforementioned private entities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As part of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Model Schools, the Government has invited

Expression of Interest (EoI) from private entities for setting up of 2,500 model schools under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode in blocks which are not educationally backward. Reasons for adopting PPP approach for setting up of these 2500 Model Schools include the possibility of larger number of schools being set up than can be supported by public outlay alone, leveraging functional efficiency of private entities, and expenditure of public funds on delivery of agreed outcomes.

(c) The Scheme for setting up model schools under PPP mode lays down the eligibility criteria for the private entities and is available at http://mhrd.gov.in/msup_eng.

NCERT Text Books

2564. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT is producing text-books on 'no profit no loss' basis for CBSE affiliated school going children;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the limit of MRP of text-books has been increased from Rs. 30 to Rs. 45 for classes I-VIII from the current academic session due to the overall loss, if any, to NCERT up to class XII from the production and selling of NCERT text-books throughout the country; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred in the production and the receipts due to sale of text books by NCERT's Publication Department during academic sessions 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) NCERT has been producing text-books for CBSE affiliated schools. Recently NCERT has increased the price of the text books of class I to VIII from Rs. 30 to Rs. 45 after a gap of ten years. The publishing of books includes the process of preparation of curriculum, writing of text books from subject experts/teachers, conducting of workshops for finalization of manuscripts, vetting and editing of manuscripts, translation in Urdu and Hindi, handholding of all stake holders for propagation of curriculum framework and its philosophy, procurement of papers and printing and lastly distribution of books throughout the country. The break-up details of all these expenditure is not being maintained separately.

The amount received from sale of books is as under:

Year	Revenue (in Crores)
2009-10	124.88
2010-11	132.29
2011-12	122.52 (provisional)