

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