

- (a) whether there is any estimated figure as far as shortage of teachers is concerned as there are talks of shortage of Government teachers in the country;
- (b) the steps Government is taking to deal with this problem; and
- (c) the student-teacher-ratio in the country during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) Pursuant to the enforcement of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, the additional requirement of teachers in elementary education was estimated at 5.08 lakh. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) a total of 6.31 lakh teachers have been sanctioned to the various States, till 2011-12, since RTE coming into force. The recruitment of teachers at elementary level is undertaken by the State Governments/UT administrations and 23 States/UTs have held Teacher Eligibility Test examination.

(c) As per District Information System for Education data, the Pupil Teacher Ratio in the country at primary and upper primary level, during the last three years was as under:—

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Primary	34	33	32
Upper Primary	31	31	29

Recruitment of cook-cum-helpers

3023. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has directed the State Governments to recruit cook-cum-helpers for Mid-Day-Meal Scheme; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) The provision of engagement of cook-cum-helpers has been made in the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) with effect from December, 2009 to ensure preparation and serving of hot cooked meal in a hygienic environment. The MDMS guidelines provide for engagement of one

cook-cum-helper for a school having upto 25 students, two cook-cum-helpers for schools with 26 to 100 students and one additional cook-cum-helper for every addition of upto 100 students. The guidelines also provide for a monthly payment of honorarium of Rs. 1000/- to each cook-cum-helper engaged by States/UTs, on sharing basis between Centre and North-Eastern Region States on 90:10 basis and with other States/UTs on 75:25 basis. Under the Scheme, 24.72 lakh cook-cum-helpers have been engaged by the States/UTs.

Funds for education in Andhra Pradesh

3024. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States like Andhra Pradesh have requested for more funds for education to meet their requirements and to suit the present condition; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of each State in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) Annual Outlay for the States/UTs for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is approved by the Project Approval Board, Ministry of HRD on the basis of appraisal of the Annual Plans submitted by the States/UTs. A Statement showing State-wise releases, including Andhra Pradesh, and the expenditure during last three years and current year is given in Statement-I (*See* below). Under the Model School Scheme, 3500 schools are to be set up in educationally backward blocks (EBBs) through States/UT Governments and 2500 schools are to be set up under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode in blocks which are not educationally backward. During the year 2011-12, in Andhra Pradesh, 355 Model Schools were sanctioned and an amount of Rs.412.09 crores was released under the scheme. A chart indicating model schools sanctioned and funds released (non-recurring) during the last three years and the current year (till date) is given in Statement-II (*See* below). Under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), there is a provision of preparation of Annual Plan by the States and UTs. Annual Plan in respect of Andhra Pradesh for the current year has not been received.