

Financial assistance to promote primary and secondary education

‡3508. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of the schools not having basic amenities and situated in rural and remote areas as per the norms of Right to Education Act;
- (b) the details of the financial assistance provided by Government and action taken to promote primary and secondary education;
- (c) whether the rate of school drop-out is increasing due to lack of proper toilets and classrooms including basic infrastructure facilities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) As per District Information System for Education (DISE), 2011-12 (provisional) out of 9,89,347 Government elementary schools in rural areas, 94.18% schools have drinking water facilities, 79.74% schools have boys toilets and 67.34% schools have girls toilets.

(b) Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Rs. 23836.58 crore has been released to State/UTs during 2012-13. Upto 2012-13, 3.04 lakh school buildings, 17.92 lakh additional classrooms, 8.53 lakh toilets and 2.29 lakh drinking water facilities have been sanctioned across the States/Union Territories under the SSA programme. Similarly, 9636 new secondary schools, strengthening of 34,311 existing Government secondary schools, 49,356 additional classrooms and toilet blocks in 19,401 schools have been sanctioned to States and Union Territories under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) for secondary education.

(c) and (d) As per Selective Educational Statistics of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the dropout rate of children at elementary level has come down from 53.7% in 2000-01 to 42.4% in 2009-10.

Infrastructure facilities in schools

3509. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the judgment of Supreme Court all infrastructure facilities in schools are to be completed till March, 2013;

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