

Education of tribal students in Naxal-affected States

545. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:

SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

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

(a) whether Government is taking any steps to help tribal students to continue their education in the Naxal-affected States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) The Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts are treated as Special Focus Districts for the purpose of planning and need-based provisioning for students in these districts. A total of 16% of the total funds under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in 2012-13 were earmarked for the LWE affected districts.

In the LWE affected districts, the SSA provides for the opening of new schools, new/additional teachers, residential schools/hostels, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidhyala (girls' residential schools for classes 6-8), coordination with Ashram Shalas and other SC/ST Department Schools by providing grants, teacher training etc., special training for mainstreaming out of school children, transport/escort facility in difficult areas and encouraging multilingual education in early grades.

In Andhra Pradesh, 37.21% of the outlay for 2012-13 was earmarked for the 8 LWE affected districts.

Reorientation of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

546. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

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

(a) whether Union Government has recently decided to re-orient and re-chart the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) to meet the challenges from private institutions;

(b) if so, the details of the steps likely to be taken by Government in this regard;