

and comprehensive evaluation system, teacher and school grants for development of appropriate teaching-learning materials, etc. have been put in place.

Toilets in schools in Assam

562. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey in the State of Assam regarding schools which do not have toilets and the number of co-educational schools in which there are no separate toilets for girl and boy students;

(b) if so, the result thereof; and

(c) the present status of implementation of the directive of Supreme Court to provide toilets in all schools within a fixed time-frame in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) According to the District Information System for Education (DISE), 2011-12, 70% of Government/aided elementary schools in Assam have toilets, while 48% of the co-educational schools have separate toilets for boys and girls.

(c) The State Government of Assam has informed us that as per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, temporary toilet facilities have been provided to the remaining Government/Government-aided elementary schools in the State.

Funds for education sector

563. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to provide more funds to education sector which at present hovers around 2.5 per cent of the GDP;

(b) whether since the recommendations of the Kothari Commission, academicians have advocated for funds upto 6 per cent of GDP; and

(c) by when Government would meet the expectations of the academicians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) The public expenditure on education as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is 3.80% (Provisional) during 2010-11 (Budget Estimates).