

of the Sachar Committee and the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for minorities, a number of educational institutions have been established in the Minority Concentration Districts.

Under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, (during 2006-07 to 2013-14 upto 30.09.2013), 20,880 Primary Schools and 13,497 Upper Primary Schools have been established in the Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs). 1,33,06,091 children are enrolled and 1,47,4593 teachers are in position in the elementary education sector. 543 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas are operational, enrolling 44,534 girls. 1,162 Secondary Schools, under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, 33 Jan Shikshan Sansthan, 59 Block Institutes of Teacher Education, 27 Model Degree Colleges, 368 Women's Hostels and 55 Polytechnics have been sanctioned in the MCDs.

Data on the number of teachers and students are not maintained centrally by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Services of packaged food for mid-day-meals

356. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there have been complaints against services of packaged food for mid-day-meals in schools in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to add new items in the existing packaged food derived from fruits and vegetables for better healthcare;
- (d) whether it is proposed to add certain new other food items in such packaged food in mid-day-meals; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (e) There is no provision of providing packaged food for mid-day-meals in the schools in the country. As per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, only hot cooked meals are to be served under the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme (MDMS).

Reforms for scientific establishments

357. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government reforms for scientific establishments are needed at different levels;