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Construction of schools under SSA

3440. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that so far, 2.77 lakh schools have been constructed under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);
 - (b) if so, the number of such schools in rural areas;
 - (c) whether SSA also provides funds for additional teachers; and
- (d) if so, how many additional teachers have been appointed during the last three years, year-wise, including those of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme 2.78 lakh school buildings have been constructed till 30.06.2014, majority of which are in rural areas.

(c) and (d) SSA funds are provided for additional teacher's based on norms, but the recruitment of teachers is done by the States / UTs. As per States reports, under SSA funded posts, 25940 teachers were recruited in 2011-12, 174537 teachers in 2012-13 and 193876 in 2013-14 for the country as a whole. Andhra Pradesh reported recruitment of 8695 teachers in 2012 only, in the past three years.

Criteria for minority status certificate to schools

3441.SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria used by the National Commission on Minority Educational Institutions to issue minority status certificate to schools;
- (b) the authorities competent to grant minority status to schools at the State level;