

Evaluation and grading of primary schools

1605. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to introduce a model in the line of Gujarat Government model “Gunotsav” in an exercise to evaluate and grade the quality of Government primary schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government proposes to extend the model to include the private primary schools;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (d) Different States have developed programmes to evaluate and grade their schools. Sambalan in Rajasthan, Shalegagi Navu-Neevu in Karnataka, Pratibha Parv in Madhya Pradesh and Gunotsav in Gujarat are some of these initiatives. The Government of India has commissioned the National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) to develop a national school standards and school evaluation/assessment framework for the government school sector, with the objective of school improvement and performance accountability, based on national best practices and international comparative experience.

Declining standard of education

†1606. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the state of education is getting miserable and its standard has been declining even after the effective implementation of the Right to Education Act, 2009 since 1st April, 2010;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any special measures in order to check this trend; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when these steps would be taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

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