

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:99
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2005
QUALITY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the standard of education in Government and Government aided schools in the country has fallen considerably in the past few years;
- (b) if so, whether the exact cause of fall in standard of education in such schools in the country has been assessed;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government has recently approved the implementation of a revised scheme for the improvement of the quality of education in Government and Government aided schools with a plan outlay of Rs. 115 crore;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by when such scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 99 FOR 29.11.2005 REGARDING THE QUALITY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS ASKED BY SHRI NIKHIL KUMAR AND SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH.

(a) to (c) : School education is primarily the concern of the State Governments and quality of School Education varies across States. However, there is no reason to believe that standards of education in Government and Government aided schools have fallen considerably. Schools administered by the Central Government, i.e. the schools of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, have secured a higher pass percentage in both Class X and XII examinations conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education than schools run by private management, in the years 2004 and 2005.

(d) to (f): A composite scheme titled `Quality Improvement in Schools` which clubs the following existing schemes, has recently been approved:-

- i) Improvement of Science Education in Schools;
- ii) Environmental Orientation to School Education;
- iii) National Population Education Project;
- iv) Introduction of Yoga in schools; and
- v) International Science Olympiad in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Informatics.

An outlay of Rs. 115 crore has been approved for the above composite scheme for the X Plan period.