

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

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IMPLEMENTATION OF JANASHALA PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched Janashala programme in collaboration with United Nation for implementation of the 'Education for All' resolution;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the 'Janashala' programme;
- (c) the number of districts of various States particularly West Bengal covered under the programme, State-wise;
- (d) whether any review of implementation of the Janashala programme has been carried out in the country particularly in West Bengal; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT.D.PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (e) : Janshala Programme was a collaborative programme of Government of India and five UN agencies - UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO, ILO and UNFPA - to provide programme support to the ongoing efforts of Government of India towards achieving Universalization of Elementary Education (UEE). The objective of this community based Programme was to target girls and marginalized children in the project areas and to improve their attendance and performance in primary education. Notable achievements of Janshala have been in the areas of community-based management, multi-grade teaching to overcome constraints in infrastructure and trained teachers, and inclusive education.

The programme covered 139 blocks including ten cities in 30 districts of nine States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The programme commenced in 1998 and has concluded on 31st December 2004.

The programme was externally evaluated by eight agencies in 2003-04. The State-level Evaluation Reports submitted by the agencies were synthesized by the Indian Institute of Education, Pune and a 'National Report' was submitted to Government of India in October, 2004. The Programme was not running in West Bengal and, hence, was not evaluated.