

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

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government reviewed the working of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP);
- (b) if so, the performance of each State and particularly in the KBK districts in Orissa during the last three-years; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to implement the DPEP effectively in every State particularly in the backward districts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI):

(a) to (c) The District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) is currently operational in 9 States of the country. The criteria for selection of districts under the DPEP programme ensures that those districts with female literacy rate below the national average and districts where the total literacy programmes have been successful, are selected under the programme. The DPEP is periodically reviewed by the Government of India and the external funding agencies through a mechanism of Joint Review Missions. These reviews have brought out that the programme has resulted in significant increase in enrolment, improvement in learning levels and increased community involvement in the programme. The State-wise position of utilization of funds under the DPEP programme for the last three years is given in the statement-I enclosed and the position vis-a-vis the eight KBK districts of Orissa is given in the statement-II enclosed.