

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the data of his Ministry a number of children of the various States are still deprived of primary education;
- (b) if so the facts and the reasons therefor, State-wise:
- (c) the details of assistance provided both internal and external, for universalization of primary education in the country, State-wise particularly in West Bengal;
- (d) the name of schemes being implemented for this purpose by the State Governments at present;
- (e) the achievement of each scheme; and
- (f) the steps to be taken by the Government provide primary education to all?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MA, FATMI):

- (a) Yes Madam.
- (b) Several social and economic factors affect enrolment and retention of children in schools.
- (c) and (d) The Government of India in partnership with the States is implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the District Primary Education Programme for universalization of primary education in the country including West Bengal.
- (e) and (f) Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme, provision for opening of 93,023 new schools, appointment of 4,57,892 teachers, construction of 1,09,381 classrooms, 50,992 school buildings, 1,06,920 toilets and 67,803 drinking water facilities has been provided to improve school infrastructure. Under the District Primary Education Programme 3,710 school buildings, 4,853 additional classrooms, 1,285 resource centres, 4,373 toilets, 2,349 drinking water facilities and 2,337 repairs are in progress in the 129 districts of 9 states where the project is currently being implemented.