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EVALUATION AND MONITORING OF SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN PROGRAMMENew Delhi, December 10th, 2014

A total of 16,657 primary and 4,726 upper primary schools have been sanctioned for opening under SSA during the last three years. States/Union Territories have opened 30,664 primary and 11,017 upper primary schools during the last three years. In the current year, 347 primary and 248 upper primary schools have been sanctioned. 334 primary and 37 upper primary schools have been opened in the current year, 2014.

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme has an inbuilt concurrent evaluation and monitoring system. It is reviewed twice every year by a Joint Review Mission (JRM) comprising independent experts and members of external funding agencies, covering all States by rotation. The 20th JRM was held from 7th-17th October, 2014. In addition 38 Monitoring Institutions assess implementation of the SSA Programme in the districts, and every district is assessed within a cycle of two years. Educational data on outcomes, is collected through a Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) every year. All these evaluations and monitoring are placed in the public domain on the Ministry of HRD website.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani in a written reply to the Lok Sabha question.

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