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**Children in Madarsas**

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The State Government of Maharashtra has informed that a survey of out of school children across the State was conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. The State Government has further reported that as per the Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 every child of the age 6-14 should be enrolled in a school and that a school must give education to students according to syllabus prepared by the Academic Authority declared by the Government. The State Government has also stated that education in any school which is not teaching as per the curriculum prepared by the Academic Authority of the State (i.e Maharashtra State Council for Educational Research & Training, Pune) is considered as informal education, therefore children enrolled in those schools should be treated as Out of School Children.

Section 2(n) of the RTE Act, 2009 defines a ‘school’ as any recognized school imparting elementary education and includes-

- (i) a school established, owned or controlled by the appropriate Government or a local authority;
- (ii) aided school receiving aid or grant to meet whole or part of its expenses from the appropriate Government or the local authority;
- (iii) a school belonging to specified category; and
- (iv) unaided school not receiving any kind of aid or grants to meet its expenses from the appropriate Government or the local authority.

This information was given by Union Minister of Human Resource Development Smt. Smriti Irani in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha Question today.

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