GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1359 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022

Funds for Karnataka

1359. SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated/ provided under various schemes of the Central Government to Karnataka State Government during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to introduce any special education schemes for Karnataka; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c) Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. The Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of India is implementing several schemes such as Samagra Siksha, Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN), Padhna Likhna Abhiyan and National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme in collaboration with State Government of Karnataka to ensure educational development in the education sector.

The new integrated scheme **Samagra Shiksha** envisages school education as a continuum from pre-school to senior secondary level and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels. The **Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN)** earlier known as the National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools, primary objective of the scheme is to improve the nutritional status of children studying in classes I-VIII in eligible schools. New literacy scheme **'Padhna Likhna Abhiyan (PLA)'** is going to be a leap forward to achieve the goal of Total Literacy by 2030. The focus of the programme is on Basic Literacy component in a four months cycle. The Central Sector Scheme **'National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)'** was launched in May, 2008 with the objective to award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at class VIII and encourage them to continue the study at secondary stage. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of **Financial Assistance of Language Teachers (ALT)** was launched by this Department in 2019-20 and was under operation as standalone till 31.03.2021. From 2021-22, the scheme was merged with Samagra Shiksha scheme of this Department.

The Department was implementing an Umbrella Scheme for Providing Education to Madarsas/ Minorities (SPEMM) which comprised of 2 schemes namely Scheme for Providing

Quality Education in Madarsa (SPQEM) and Infrastructure Development in Minority Institutions (IDMI). The Scheme was being implemented at National level. Both the schemes are voluntary in nature. Under SPEMM scheme, no fund has been released to State Government of Karnataka during last three years. However, under IDMI scheme, an amount of Rs. 264.79 lakh has been approved in Project Approval Board Meeting. Due to non-submission of requisite documents, the said amount could not be released. From financial year 2021-22, the SPEMM scheme has been transferred to Ministry of Minority Affairs.

A centrally sponsored scheme "New India Literacy Programme" (NILP) has been approved by the Government of India with functional outlay of Rs. 1037.90 crore (central share Rs. 700.00 crore) for the financial year 2022-23 to 2026-27. An amount of Rs. 5.92 crore has been allocated for state government of Karnataka in the financial year 2022-23.

The details of fund allocation/spent, released and yet to be released during last 3 years under schemes are as under:-

(Rs in lakh)

S. No	Schemes	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
		Fund allocation	Funds Released	Fund allocation	Funds Released	Fund allocation	Funds Released
1	Samagra Siksha	77908.00	73032.69	70761.11	61007.77	184418.10	47451.63
2	PM POSHAN	54015.07	554015.07	56902.02	55801.56	57771.73	49282.03
3	Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan	-	-	444.60	444.60	-	-
4	NMMSS	-	2599.56	-	2951.64	-	197.88
5	ALT	-	-	*	-	-	-

^{*}This Department gave in principle approval for providing Honorarium to 170 Urdu language Teachers to the State Government of Karnataka under ALT scheme in 2020-21. However, as the State Government did not made any actual recruitment against this Department's approval, no funds were released to State.
