

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the funds largely remained un-spent under the District Primary Education Programme;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the names of States where funds are not fully utilised; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure better and more effective utilisation of funds for the programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) & (c) : The District Primary Education Programme(DPEP) consists of a series of projects with a project duration of 5 to 7 years. Funds committed are to be spent over the life of the project. The programme is still under implementation in the concerned project states. States where utilisation has been slower than anticipated are Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan, West Bengal and phase-III project of Uttar Pradesh. Major reasons for low-level of expenditure by these States are delay in completion of various processes involving setting up of management structures at district / sub- district level, positioning of key project personnel, filling up of teacher vacancies, slow progress of civil works, etc.

(d) To ensure better and more effective utilisation of funds under the programme, the matter is taken up with the concerned States and wherever necessary suitable technical support is also provided from the national level for improving the position. The physical and financial achievements against the project parameters are periodically monitored through the visits of Joint Review Missions, the Project Management Information System (PMIS), participation in the meetings of Executive Committees, deputation of Internal Supervision Missions and organising special meetings with the officials of State Governments/State Implementation Societies from time to time.