

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1492

ANSWERED ON:27.11.2001

PRIMARY EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether the Government have chalked out any plan to meet the requirement of Primary Education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have fixed any target for primary education in the rural areas and clusters in Urban areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the success achieved so far to provide primary education, particularly to the people living below the poverty line; and
- (f) the Central assistance provided during the current Five Year Plan for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (e) : In pursuance of the National Policy on Education, 1986 and the Programme of Action, 1992, the Government had initiated a number of interventions in elementary education sector to achieve the goal of universalisation of elementary education. These include the schemes of Operation Blackboard, Teacher Education, Non-Formal Education, Mahila Samakhya, District Primary Education Plan and National Programme of Nutritional Support for primary education, commonly known as Mid-day Meal Scheme.

Consequent to these efforts, we have made substantial progress in terms of increase in number of educational institutions, teachers and students in elementary education. The number of schools in the country increased four-fold from 2.23 lakhs in 1950-51 to 8.39 lakhs in 1999-2000. The enrolment in primary cycle increased by about six times from 1.92 crore to 11.36 crore and at the upper primary stage, the increase is fourteen times from 0.3 crore to 4.2 crore during the above period. The Gross Enrolment Ratio at primary and upper primary has jumped from 42.6% and 12.7% to 95% and 59% respectively between 1951-52 and 1999-2000. Access to schools is no longer a problem. At primary stage, 94 per cent of the country's rural population had a schooling facilities within one kilometer and at upper primary stage, facilities were available to 84 per cent of the rural population within 3 kilometers, according to Fifth All India Educational Survey, 1986.

The Government has recently launched the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) – a National Programme for Universal Elementary Education to provide eight years of elementary education to all children in the 6-14 age group by 2010. The vision of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is to provide useful and relevant elementary education of satisfactory quality for all by 2010 bridging all social and gender gaps, with the active participation of the community in the affairs of the school. The goals of SSA are as follows:

- All children in school, Education Guarantee Centre, Alternate School, ` Back to School ` camp by 2003;
- All children complete five years of primary schooling by 2007;
- All children complete eight years of schooling by 2010;
- Focus on elementary education of satisfactory quality with emphasis on education for life;
- Bridge all gender and social category gaps at primary stage by 2007 and at elementary education level by 2010;
- Universal retention by 2010.

(f) A statement indicating Central assistance released under various schemes State-wise during Ninth Five Year Plan is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (F) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1492 TO ANSWERED ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 2001 REGARDING PRIMARY EDUCATION BY SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK, SH

JAYABEN B. THAKKAR, SHRI RAMSHETH THAKUR AND SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA

(Rupees in lakhs)

1997- 98 to 2001- 02	1997-98 to 2001- 02	1997-98 to 2001- 02	1997- 98 to 2001- 02	1997-98 to 2001- 02	1997- 98 to 2001- 02	1997-98 to 2001- 02	Total	
Sl. No.	Name of State	Teache r	Non- Formal Element ary	Dist. Primary Black board	Operat ion Abhiyan	Sarva Shiksha Samak ha	Mahil a	Total
	Educat ion Programme	Educati on	ary	board	ion	ha	a	
1	Andhra Pr.	2596.93	8336.50	42918.00	16995.61	1125.50	503.99	72476.53
2	Arunachal Pr	648.19	0.60	0	375.00	163.89	0	1187.68
3	Assam	3310.99	2531.94	14844.00	6964.46	295.13	0	27946.52
4	Bihar	0	8065.01	13196.00	1547.20	560.26	0	23368.47
5	Chattisgarh	0	4.50	1500.00	0	94.56	0	1599.06
6	Goa	227.18	0	0	9.00	0	0	236.18
7	Gujarat	3276.76	424.71	7906.00	4437.80	229.36	543.00	16817.63
8	Haryana	469.75	37.77	12567.00	489.39	130.64	0	13694.55
9	Himacha Pr.	2406.17	1.87	7250.00	1055.35	134.56	0	10847.95
10	J & K	571.25	310.85	0	1952.00	48.08	0	2882.18
11	Jharkhand	0	0	1200.00	0	38.43	0	1238.43
12	Karnataka	4534.78	8.98	30778.00	42734.59	279.75	719.00	79055.1
13	Kerala	1998.46	0	10913.00	310.84	153.49	791.00	14166.79
14	Madhya Pr.	7630.19	8925.76	54324.00	25660.65	368.67	0	96909.27
15	Maharashtra	2366.59	44.54	17982.00	4746.79	363.62	0	25503.54
16	Manipur	275.62	858.67	0	180.20	137.09	0	1451.58
17	Meghalaya	233.50	56.45	0	295.92	130.35	0	716.22
18	Mizoram	178.33	44.05	0	651.08	114.81	0	988.27
19	Nagaland	639.96	0	0	32.61	110.92	0	783.49
20	Orissa	1875.64	3479.56	10265.00	6451.03	246.07	0	22317.3
21	Punjab	2104.46	17.16	0	4483.20	1463.04	0	8067.86
22	Rajasthan	6620.54	5440.90	9600.00	3597.55	0	0	25258.99
23	Sikkim	334.15	0	0	49.10	50.55	0	433.8
24	Tamil Nadu	5150.66	589.40	24086.00	2895.39	344.78	0	33066.23
25	Tripura	206.10	7.84	0	1106.49	62.69	0	1383.12
26	Uttar	5088.44	11831.13	59949.00	30760.52	1014.24	750.00	109393.33
27	Uttaranchal	0	0	1100.00	0	134.50	0	1234.5
28	West Bengal	1115.09	57.48	11665.00	3941.95	132.00	0	16911.52
29	A & N Is	2.50	0	0	18.00	12.68	0	33.18
30	Chandigarh	0	7.49	0	0	0	0	7.49
31	D & N Haveli	0	16.74	0	18.50	8.00	0	43.24
32	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	20.25	0	0	20.25
33	Delhi	2014.51	4.26	0	233.02	0	0	2251.79
34	Lakhsdweep	54.31	0	0	2.00	0	0	56.31
35	Pondicherry	89.69	0	0	55.81	32.09	0	177.59

Total 56020.74 51104.16 332043.00 162071.30 7979.75 3306.99 612525.94