

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:585
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2002
FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN
ANANDRAO ADSUL;GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA

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

- (a) whether the Union Government have made more budgetary allocation for the Department of Elementary Education in the budget for 2002-2003 for raising facilities for providing free and compulsory education to the children from six to fourteen years;
- (b) if so, whether any concrete proposals have been worked out by the Government in regard to utilizing this fund; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 585 FOR 7.5.2002 ASKED BY SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL AND SHRI G. MALLIKARJUNAPPA REGARDING FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

(a): Yes, Sir. The budgetary allocation for the year 2002- 2003 for Elementary Education is Rs. 4667 crores against Rs.3800 crores during 2001-2002.

(b) to (c) : The Government has launched, in November, 2000, the Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in a mission mode to provide education of satisfactory quality to all children in the age group of 6-14 years by 2010.

The Ministry has constituted the National Mission vide resolution dated 2.1.2001 under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister. Similarly, State SSA Missions have been constituted under the chairmanship of their respective Chief Ministers/Education Ministers.

The framework for implementation of SSA was drawn up in consultation with State Governments and the States were sanctioned funds for undertaking pre-Project activities to facilitate preparation of District Elementary Education Plans.

The programme envisages the preparation of District Elementary Education Plans by the states reflecting community based habitation and village level planning. These Plans are appraised by teams constituted for the purpose, including representatives of the State Government. Based on the recommendation of the Appraisal Team which are also discussed with the State officials, funds are released in terms of SSA norms. The Government has sanctioned District Elementary Education Plans of 512 districts for the year 2001-2002 at an outlay of Rs.1106.26 crore under SSA.

The process of preparation of the district plans for the current year is going on.