

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

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

- (a) whether the Government have invited applications from NGOs under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for the year 2003-04;
- (b) if so, the total number of applications received so far, State-wise and location-wise, particularly from Maharashtra; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) to (c): Under the Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative and Innovative Education (EGS&AIE) component of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), there is provision for participation of Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in the programme at State level. Only in case of experimental and innovative proposals in education, NGOs can directly approach the Central Government. In the year 2003-04, Central Government has approved the proposals of seven NGOs including three from WestBengal, two from Delhi and one each from Andhra Pradesh and Assam.