

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:240
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than 10 lakh children in Karnataka do not go to school, the figure being the highest among the South Indian States;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government have approved an outlay of about Rs.336 crore for Karnataka as part of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and out of this Rs.19.5 crore has already been released;
- (c) if so, whether the Union Government have ascertained that the amount granted to State Government has been utilized properly; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the full amount is likely to be released to the State?

Answer

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

- (a) The position stated in the Question obtained in February, 2001, but, as per latest information furnished by Government of Karnataka, the number of out-of-school children in the State in September, 2003, was about two lakh.
- (b) For the year 2003-04, Rs.336.05 crore was approved for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in Karnataka, out of which first instalment of central share amounting to Rs.84.39 crore has been released.
- (c) State Government has informed that funds are being utilized properly.
- (d) Release of 2nd instalment of central share is contingent upon the progress of expenditure of the first instalment, release of state share, and receipt of specific request from the State Society.