

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1786
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2006
UNIVERSALIZATION OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Universalization of elementary education through Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has not percolated to the marginal social groups like SCs/STs/OBCs, Muslims and disabled children as reported in the Times of India dated January 27, 2006;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details with regard to targets fixed and SCs/STs/OBCs disabled and minorities benefited by the SSA during each of the last three years and thereafter till date, State-wise;
- (d) the expenditure incurred and the number of boys and girls benefited thereby during the said period, State-wise;
- (e) whether the States have not utilized the funds released by the Union Government during the year 2005-06; and
- (f) if so, the detailed strategy chalked out by the Union Government in consultation with State Government for better implementation of SSA scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)-(f) An independent survey commissioned by the Ministry of Human Resource Development and conducted by Social and Rural Research Institute (SRI-a Unit of IMRB International) has estimated that 6.94% children in 6-14 years age group are presently out of school. This proportion for Scheduled Caste (SC) children is 8.17%, for Scheduled Tribe (ST) children 9.54% and for Muslims 9.97%.

There has been a decline in the number and proportion of out of school children since 2001 when Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) was initiated. The percentage of out of school children has come down from 28.50% to 6.94% in 2005.

For Scheduled Caste children, this percentage has declined from 31.87% in 2001 to 8.17% in 2005. The percentage of Scheduled Tribe out of school children has reduced from 40.01% in 2001 to 9.54% in 2005. Dropout rates at the primary stage for SC students declined from 45.18% in 2001-02 to 36.56% in 2003-04. During the same period, dropout rates for ST students declined from 52.34% to 48.93%.

In order to ensure equitable benefits for all social groups, the framework of SSA stipulates need-based district Annual Work Plans and Budgets. These plans include provisions for enhancing access to socially disadvantaged groups like girls, SC/ST children through opening of new schools, Education Guarantee Scheme/Alternative & Innovative Education Centres, incentives like free text-book distribution and several interventions for quality improvement.

For children with special needs several interventions including medical assessment, supply of aids and appliances, sensitization of teachers, appointment of resource teachers, bridge courses and home based education programmes are undertaken under SSA.

The State wise details of expenditure during the last three years are annexed. During 2005-06 the States/ UTs had utilized Rs. 6180.40 crores (65%> of the funds available) which can be considered satisfactory.

ANNEX

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1786 FOR 7th MARCH 2006 ASKED BY SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAI SI AND SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA REGARDING

Universalization. of Elementary Education

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Name of State	Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure
	as on 31 Dec.2005		

A. & N. Island	221.73	272.08	204.72
Andhra Pradesh	14912.16	33757.22	24635.35
Arunachal Pradesh	1188.15	1812.5	1223.28
Assam	18394.84	22399.8	14919.51
Bihar	7979.59	34131.37	26155.43
Chandigarh	166.42	604	125.81
Chattisgarh	4894.99	29565.55	23342.15
D. & N. Haveli	0	10.45	239.54
Daman & Diu	0	0	145.91
Delhi	521.31	354.57	918.53
Goa	0	0	0.00
Gujarat	14717.12	18632.5	16774.66
Haryana	9118.42	11359.11	12110.23
Himachal Pradesh	6331.75	8418.94	6124.06
Jammu & Kashmir	3605.78	8160.52	16868.81
Jharkhand	7095.96	29250.33	25072.43
Karnataka	16050.39	34456.15	34127.54
Kerala	6078.02	9383.78	5217.98
Lakshadweep	0	0	0.91
Madhya Pradesh	29202.45	60513.28	71005.88
Maharashtra	33363.91	38955.71	34447.58
Manipur	0	1354.93	1513.47
Meghalaya	627.25	2150.33	1599.53
Mizoram	375.89	4478.66	2103.72
Nagaland	1015.18	2751.24	1049.01
Odisha	15792.79	28060.7	19460.13
Pondicherry	140.61	265.35	384.07
Punjab	4440.99	9636.55	11041.12
Rajasthan	21357.3	39590.66	43702.66
Sikkim	213.5	723.72	394.00
Tamil Nadu	23658.86	36638.68	24043.34
Tripura	2564.37	5113.2	4172.61
Uttar Pradesh	47649.06	125166.08	149056.16
Uttaranchal	6628.93	9695.48	10878.95
West Bengal	6582.62	50950.4	34981.69
TOTAL	305391.34	659114.94	618040.77