

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

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SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

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

(a) whether it is a fact that State Governments have spent only 70% of the funds allocated under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during 2003-04 as reported in Limes of India dated June 7, 2004;

(b) if so, the reason therefor along with the names of such States;

(c) whether the Government has a proposal to increase the public expenditure on education upto 6% of GDP; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the Government would ensure that the States will fully utilize the coming funds when the State Governments have not utilized even the first instalments?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): No Sir. The total releases to the States during the year 2003-04 were Rs. 2698.38 Crores. The expenditure by the States was Rs. 3604.26 Crores. (c) : As stated in the President's Address to the Parliament delivered on 7th June 2004, the Government will aim at increasing public spending on education to ultimately reach at least 6% of GDP with half this amount earmarked for primary and secondary education.

(d): Does not arise.