

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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) the details of the benefits accrued due to the implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;
- (b) the number of children benefited so far, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;
- (c) the total funds allocated and spent during each of the last three years as on date alongwith the reasons for unspent funds State and Union Territory-wise; and
- (d) the efforts made to ensure that more children are covered in the years to come?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme is being implemented in all districts of the country to achieve the goal of universalisation of elementary education in a time bound manner, in mission mode. Consequently, the number of Out of School Children (OoSC), which was 320 lakh in 2001-02, has come down to 75.97 lakh in 2007-08, as per State reports.

For "hard to reach" category of children, context specific interventions such as bridge courses, learning centres with flexible timings, seasonal hostels, home based education and mobile schools have been taken up under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. In order to encourage States/UTs to implement such context specific interventions, the Government of India has undertaken orientation and capacity building workshops with States/UTs with illustrative case studies of good practices.

A statement showing increasing trend of enrolment at primary & upper primary level during years 2003-04, 2004-05 & 2005-06 is given in Annexure-I. State-wise Government of India (GoI) releases and expenditure under SSA for the years 2004-05, 2005-06 & 2006-07 is given in Annexure-II. The unspent balances remaining with a State/UT at the end of a financial year, are adjusted in grants payable in the next financial year.