

**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 the Government has written to those States which are lagging behind the targets for speedy implementation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;
- (b) if so, the names of such States along with their reaction;
- (c) whether these States have not fully utilized the funds received for the purpose;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is considering to monitor the progress of implementation of this scheme by these States; and
- (e) if so, the extent to which States have improved the position after the communication till date?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. Attention of Chief Ministers of Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Orissa was drawn to the slow pace of implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in these States, particularly to the low expenditure levels and the number of out-of-school children in these States.

The State Governments of Orissa, Bihar, West Bengal and Punjab have replied that they would improve their performance. Government of India officials are regularly reviewing and monitoring the progress in these States.