

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2461
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FACILITIES TO CHILDREN OF SC COMMUNITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for providing uniform, shoes, stationery etc. free of cost to children of SC community from Class I to Class VIII;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount spent/likely to be spent thereon each year; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Free textbooks are provided to all children in classes I-VIII in Government and Government aided elementary schools under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme provided the State Government is not itself providing this facility from its own resources.

In educationally backward blocks, there is a provision for providing additional incentives to girls under the National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL), a component of the SSA, such as uniforms, stationery, workbooks etc based on local requirements.