

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:278

ANSWERED ON:22.03.2005

FUNDING GAP IN IMPLEMENTING SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

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

(a) whether the Government is facing a huge funding gap to raise 12000 crores in implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid Day Meal Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 2% educational cess imposed on Central taxes has not been able to meet the fund gap;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to fill the funding gap to meet the growing demand of education in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 278 FOR ANSWER ON 22ND MARCH 2005 ASKED BY SHRI RANEN BARMAN AND SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAIISI REGARDING FUNDING GAP IN IMPLEMENTING SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

(a) to (e) : Budget provision for 2005-06 for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid Day Meal Schemes (including amount allocable out of the lump sum provision for the North East) is Rs. 11145.26 Crores which is Rs. 6413.18 Crores or 135.5% more than the provision made in the Budget for 2004-05. With this significantly higher provision in 2005-06, which has become possible due to imposition of the Education Cess, requirements of the two Schemes for 2005-06 have been almost fully provided for.