

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:22
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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 conducted any evaluation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) since its inception;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether SSA has failed to achieve its targets during 2009-10;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (e) the funds allocated and spent on SSA during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, State-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken or being taken by the Government for effective implementation of SSA?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.22 FOR 24TH FEBRUARY, 2010 ASKED BY SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAIISI AND SHRI A. T. NANA PATIL REGARDING SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

(a) to (d): The various components of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) are periodically evaluated through independent studies. The independent studies conducted under SSA include, inter-alia, (i) Sample Survey of Out-of-School Children; (ii) National Evaluation of Civil Works, (iii) Study on Para Teachers, (iv) Evaluation of Academic Support Structures, (v) Study on Teacher Attendance (vi) Evaluation of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), (vii) Learning Achievement Survey for classes III, V and VII/VIII. The studies and evaluations provide valuable information on the quality of interventions under SSA. SSA also has a monitoring system through the District Information System for Education (DISE), which generates a n Education Development Index (EDI) for States based on access, infrastructure, teacher and outcome indicators.

(e) A statement on cumulative progress under SSA under key parameters of opening new schools, construction of school buildings, construction of additional classrooms and recruitment of teachers for each State is given in Annexure- I. The budget estimate for SSA for the year 2009-10 is Rs 13,100 crore, against which Rs 12,067 crore has been released till 16.2.2010. A statement on the Central funding released to States/UTs in the last three years and the current year (as on 16.2.2010) is given in Annexure II.

(f) For effective implementation of SSA, a rigorous monitoring system has been put in place, which includes inter-alia, submission of monthly/ quarterly progress reports and periodic review meetings by States, field level monitoring through reputed institutes of social sciences and university departments of education, a s also independent review missions o n programme progress. In addition, statutory and independent annual financial audits and concurrent financial reviews are conducted under SSA.