

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:55
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2010
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SSA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of foreign aid received from foreign countries/World Bank/international agencies for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) during the last three years, year-wise and country/agency-wise;
- (b) the manner in which the said amount was utilised;
- (c) whether the financial assistance provided by the British Government under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has allegedly been misappropriated;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard and if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 55 FOR 28TH JULY, 2010 ASKED BY SHRI GOPINATH MUNDE AND SHRI MADHU GOUD YASKHI REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SSA

(a) & (b): Three external funding agencies, namely World Bank, Department for International Development (DFID) and European Commission (EC) provide support to the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme in accordance with SSA's existing Framework of Implementation. The external agencies provide sector support to the SSA programme, which means that funds are not tied to any specific segment of the programme, but are in the form of general support to SSA, and encompass a range of interventions, including inter alia opening and construction of new schools, additional classrooms and other civil works, provisioning for teachers, teacher training, textbooks, academic resource support through establishment of block and cluster resource centres, community mobilisation, training of community members, and innovations to promote education of girls, SC, ST and Minority children, as well as Computer Aided Learning. The external agencies have provided support in two phases, namely Phase-I for the period 2004-07, and Phase-II for the period 2007-10. The details of reimbursement made to the Central Government by the external agencies during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Name of Funding Agency	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
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World Bank -	1033.17	1702.99	
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DFID	433.70	346.22	372.44
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EC -	195.98	178.25	
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Grand Total	433.70	1575.37	2253.68
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(c) : No, Sir. External funding support is provided through a reimbursement system, under which expenditure is first incurred by the

Government of India through the State Implementation Societies for SSA, and thereafter reimbursed by the external agency as per a pre-defined annual ceiling. The reimbursement claims are contingent on completion of annual audits and submission of annual audit reports.

(d) & (e) : Does not arise.