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QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to start special drive scheme under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for bringing the children deprived of schooling under the ambit of school education while bringing the gap of infrastructure and improving the quality of education in the schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to provide special assistance to those States which have successfully implemented the SSA scheme; and

(d) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme provides for universalisation of elementary education amongst children in the 6-14 age group. A sample survey conducted by Social Rural Research Institute, a unit of International Marketing Research Bureau (SRI-IMRB) indicates that the number of Out of School Children(OoSC) has reduced from 1.34 crore in 2005 to 81.5 lakh in 2009. SSA provides support to improve the quality of education and school infrastructure. Till 30.06.2010, 10.30 lakh teachers have been recruited, 2,19,867 school buildings, 9,45,635 additional classrooms, and 2,88,880 toilets have been constructed, and 1,87,151 drinking water facilities have been provided under SSA.

(c) & (d): SSA is implemented in all States/UTs as per norms laid down for the programme. SSA norms have recently been aligned to the provisions of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. For implementation of the programme, the fund sharing pattern between the Centre and States, which was on a sliding scale [i.e. 65:35 for first two years of 11th Five Year Plan, 60:40 for the third year, 55:45 for the fourth year and 50:50 thereafter (90:10 for North Eastern States)], has been revised to 65:35 for the period 2010- 11 to 2014-15. The fund sharing pattern for the NER States will continue to be in the 90:10 ratio.