GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether a review of the Inclusive Education Programme (IEP) for children with special needs (CWSN), including mentally challenged children, under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, has shown positive results;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount allocated under CWSN during the last two years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) the number of children benefited from this programme during the current year, State-wise;
- (e) Whether any mechanism exists impart education to the children with severe and profound disabilities under IEP; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) & (b) The Inclusive Education Programme (IEP) under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) covers children with special needs (CWSN), including mentally challenged children. Under SSA, 5,00,380 children with mental retardation have been identified and 3,83,204 have been enrolled in regular schools. Further, 9062 children with mental retardation are covered through AIE/EGS, and 35,936 are covered through the home based education programme. Moreover, 13,577 children with autism have been identified of whom 10,847 have been enrolled in regular schools, 187 are covered through AIE/EGS and 733 are covered through home based education programme.
- (c) During the year 2010-11, a total of Rs. 753.08 crores has been allocated under SSA for States/UTs to implement IEP as per details in Annexure.
- (d), (e) & (f) 28.02 lakh children with special needs have benefited through the IEP during the current year. Home-based education is the mechanism to impart education to the children with severe and profound disabilities under IEP. Under SSA, 1.49 lakh children with special needs have been covered through the home-based education programme so far.