GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:500
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SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount being spent by the Government per student per year under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);

(b) the number of schools covered under SSA, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received feedback from the State Governments regarding the implementation of the Abhiyan;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether some State Governments have sent proposals to the Union Government for increasing the coverage of the Abhiyan to other schools in their respective States; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken/being taken in this regard?

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 PART (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 500 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.09.2011 ASKED BY SHRI A. VENKATA RAMI REDDY AND SHRI P.L. PUNIA REGARDING SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

(a): The norms under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provide for various interventions to universalize access and retention, bridge gender and social category gaps in elementary education and improve the quality of education. The detailed norms are incorporated in the SSA Framework of Implementation, and are available on the website www.ssa.nic.in. These norms include, for example, provisions for teachers, infrastructure, and are intervention specific. Barring provisions for certain items, like textbooks, uniforms, special training, the norms are not based on per- child costs. The requirements of the States for progressing towards the goal of universal elementary education are considered every year through the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B).

(b): A statement indicating the total number of primary and upper primary schools sanctioned till 2010-11, and the total expenditure incurred by States/UTs on implementation of SSA programme in the year 2010-11 is given in Annexure.

(c) & (d): SSA has elaborate national and state level monitoring arrangements, which include, (i) A computerized District Information System for Education (DISE) for elementary education statistics available in the public domain at www.dise.in, (ii) School Report Cards to provide quantitative and qualitative information about individual schools, which are also available on website www.schoolreportcards.in, (iii) Independent field visits by identified National Social Science Institutions and University Departments of Education attached to States/UTs to monitor performance,(iv) Biannual Joint Review Missions with external funding agencies for review of progress, (v) Assessments/studies for independent feedback on implementation of SSA, (vi) Periodic National Learner Achievement Sample Surveys conducted by NCERT to track learning achievement levels of students, (vii) Concurrent financial reviews commissioned by the Ministry, (viii) Quarterly review meetings with Programme Coordinators, and annual meetings with State Education Secretaries and State Project Directors of SSA.

(e) & (f): SSA support is available for augmenting support to all government and local body schools. Support for certain interventions under SSA, including textbooks, teacher training, school and teacher grants are also available for government aided schools.