

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PERFORMANCE OF SSA

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) with reference to its performance and funding pattern between Centre and States;
- (b) if so, the details of the present funding pattern for this scheme and the revised funding pattern finalised;
- (c) the names of the States which have requested the Union Government to revert to old funding pattern for SSA; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to cover more children during the current plan period under the Scheme?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 has become operative w.e.f. 1.4.2010. Consequently, the Central Government has revised the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) norms to correspond to the provisions of the RTE Act.

The funding pattern between Central Government and States for implementation of SSA during the 11th Plan was on a tapering scale of 65:35 for the first two years of the Plan, 60:40 for the third year, 55:45 for the fourth year and 50:50 thereafter. In respect of the States in North Eastern Region (NER) the funding was in the 90:10 ratio with the Central share sourced from the 10% earmarked funds for the NE States in the SSA's Central Budget. However, taking into account the requirements for implementation of the RTE Act, the Government has notified a revised funding pattern of 65:35 for a duration of five years from 2010-11 to 2014-15. The fund sharing pattern in respect of the NER States, however, continues to be in the 90:10 ratio between the Central and States Governments.

(d): SSA, which aims at universalizing elementary education in the country, has been progressing consistently towards its goals. Since inception, and till 31.3.2011, SSA has provided significant financial support for infrastructure development in elementary education, including 1.95 lakh new primary schools, 1.71 lakh new upper primary schools, 13.72 lakh additional classrooms, 4.55 lakh toilets and 2.14 lakh drinking water facilities. With a view to improving quality, SSA has sanctioned 18.89 lakh posts of teachers across the country, and it provides financial support for textbooks, teaching learning material and uniforms for children, as per the norms laid down in the SSA Framework of Implementation.