

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

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

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- (a) whether Department of International Development, Britain has indicated about the loss of seven crore pounds in corruption under India's Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to check such corruption in future?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Several Newspapers had reported in June 2010 that United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) is launching an inquiry into the alleged misuse of funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). DFID has, however, clarified that the U.K. Government is not proposing to investigate SSA. DFID has also stated that the SSA programme is considered amongst the most successful elementary education programmes, and DFID is proud to support it. DFID's Internal Audit Department (IAD) had, however, conducted an inquiry into UK assistance to SSA. The auditors have judged that DFID has adequate financial controls to manage its funding to SSA.