

**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 the Government is encouraging students to strive for social and economic change particularly in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and spent during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the details of lessons incorporated, State-wise and class-wise; and
- (e) the time by which such proposal will be considered and implemented in consultation with all the States, especially in Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The NPE-1986 provides the mandate to periodically review the school curriculum framework in view of changes taking place at the social, economic and other levels. In the year 2005, the NCERT has brought out the National Curriculum Framework-2005 through a wide-ranging process of discussion and deliberations across the country. This framework includes inter alia the ability to work towards and contribute to economic processes and social change.

In consonance of the NCF-2005, the syllabi and textbooks developed by the NCERT provide children across the stages to not only understand the social and other processes but also to question them critically for example, the social sciences at the secondary stage comprising of History, Geography, Sociology, Political Science and Economics focus on Contemporary India and provide learner opportunities for deeper understanding of social and economic challenges facing the nation.

Majority of states/UTs have either adapted/adopted NCERT's syllabi and textbooks or have developed their own syllabi and textbooks.

The amount allocated/ spent on education during the last three years and current year is as under:

(Rs in crores)

Item	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Allocation	38,709	44,532	49,908	52,060
Expenditure	35,186	40,279	51,881	Financial year is yet to close

National Service Scheme (NSS), a centrally sponsored scheme, aims at developing character & personality of student youth in colleges, volunteers undertake awareness programmes, awareness camps & take out rallies on socially relevant issues like anti-dowry, female feticide/infanticide, creation of durable assets in adopted villages etc. NSS activities/programmes, viz, 'Regular Activities and 'Special Camping Programmes' undertake general orientation work in their adopted villages/slums in the field of disaster management, environmental concerns, literacy, health and rural reconstruction. Allocation of budget to a State is made on the basis of number of NSS volunteers assigned for that State. The detail of release of funds under NSS to all States & UTs for the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure . The release of funds to Andhra Pradesh under NSS has been Rs 4.3 Crores in 2008-09, Rs 6.92 Crores in 2009-10, Rs 6.77 Crores in 2010-11 and Rs 4.03 Crores in 2011-12 so far.