

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:208  
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FUNDS FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the funds allocated for school education especially elementary education during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the allocated funds are not being fully spent on education;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the situation;
- (d) the funds utilized for infrastructure, salary of teachers and free text books/uniforms for students, separately, at present in the country; and
- (e) the amount collected through education cess and the expenditure incurred during the above period, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIKAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABH STARRED QUESTION NO. 208 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th MARCH, 2012 ASKED BY SHRIMATI SUSHILA SAROJ AND SHRIMATI USHA VERMA REGARDING FUNDS FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION

(a) to (c): The funds released to States/Union Territories under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid Day Meal (MDM) for elementary education, and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) for secondary education during the last three years and the current year, and the total amounts released against central allocations is at Annexure I, II and III respectively.

(d): The SSA Framework of Implementation provides for the following norms:

i. Civil Works: Funds on civil works shall not exceed the ceiling of 33% of the entire project cost. This ceiling of 33% does not include the expenditure on maintenance and repair of buildings. However, in a particular year's Annual Plan, provision for civil works can be considered up to 50% of the District Annual Plan Outlay, subject to the proviso that during overall SSA project period civil works outlay shall be restricted to 33% of the project cost.

ii. Teacher salary: SSA provides for additional teachers as per RTE norms. The remuneration paid to teachers under SSA is as per the salary, allowances and terms of conditions of the respective State Governments.

iii. Textbooks: Text books are provided to all children in the age group of 6-14 years at a unit cost of Rs 150 per set for the primary stage and Rs.250 per set for the upper primary stage. However, if the textbooks were previously provided from State budgets, the States will continue to provide them.

iv. Uniforms: Two sets of uniforms are provided for all girls, SC/ ST/ BPL children studying in Government school within ceiling of Rs. 400 per child per annum. However, if uniforms were previously provided from State budgets, States will continue to provide them.

(e): Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for SSA and MDM programmes is supplemented by 2% education cess levied on all major Central taxes, which forms the Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK), a non lapsable fund. The details of funding available from PSK are:

SI No Year SSA MDM

PSK GBS PSK GBS

1	2008-09	7280.33	5819.67	4854.00	3146.00
2	2009-10	8416.02	4683.98	5612.65	1746.50
3	2010-11	9433.00	10405.23	6372.00	2779.88
4	2011-12	11992.33	9007.67	6341.67	3907.08

Releases under GBS and PSK are credited to the same bank account of the State Implementation Societies, and expenditures incurred under GBS and PSK are not separately maintained.