

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

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FUNDS FOR SSA

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

- (a) whether the budget allocation for the expansion of school education under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is on the rise continuously during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the percentage increase made in the said amount during 2008-09 to 2011-12;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that only 6% of the allocated funds for elementary education is being spent on students;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective action taken in the matter?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The budget allocation for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has progressively increased over the years: from Rs.13,100 crore in 2008-09 and 2009-10, to Rs.19,838.23 crore in 2010-11, Rs. 21,000 crore in 2011-12 and Rs 25,555 crore for 2012-13. The percentage increase in the Central allocations from 2008-09 to 2012-13 is 95.07%.

(c) to (e): No Sir. SSA provides support for a variety of interventions, which benefit children. These include, inter alia, support for providing (i) children access to schools by opening new schools as per norms laid down by the State Governments under the State Rules for the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, (ii) Special Training for out-of-school children to be mainstreamed in regular schools as per section 4 of the RTE Act, (iii) transportation or residential facilities for children in habitations which are too small for a regular school, (iv) textbooks and school uniforms for children as per the prescribed norms, (v) adequate number of teachers so that the pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) is in accordance with the PTR laid down in the RTE Act, (vi) academic support through block and cluster resource centres for enhancing teacher capability to teach children, (vii) adequate classrooms and other facilities, including drinking water and toilets for all children as well as ramps for barrier free access to children with disabilities, (viii) school and teacher grants for procurement of local materials to enhance teaching-learning, (ix) grants under the Innovation component of SSA for girls/SC/ST/urban deprived/ early childhood care and education/ minorities, and computer aided learning. All these interventions are focused on children for achieving SSA goals for universal access, universal retention, bridging gender and social gaps and providing education of satisfactory quality. SSA provides for a ceiling of 33% of the project cost towards civil works, and 6% for management, which are also in the interest of children.