

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RELEASE OF SSA SHARE TO STATES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has released just 27 per cent of the State's share of funds for implementation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in the fiscal that ended on 31st March, 2012 to the State of Bihar;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the abysmally low funding will affect the State's target of construction of classrooms & new schools;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether low funding of SSA will hamper the implementation of the RTE Act;
- (f) if so, the details there of; and
- (g) the details of SSA share released to other States and UTs in the financial year 2011-12?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The release of central share under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is linked to the quantum of opening balance, pace of expenditure and release of State share. During 2011-12, the State Implementing Society (SIS) of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Bihar was released an amount of ₹ 1851.08 crore as central share against the approved share of ₹ 6775.88 crore. SSA Bihar had reported an opening balance of ₹ 1294.05 crore as on 01.04.2011. It was also awarded an amount of ₹ 699 crore by the 13th Finance Commission for 2011-12. While there was considerable improvement in the absorption capacity, SSA, Bihar could utilize only ₹ 3495 crore in 2010-11.

(c) to (f): The implementation of activities sanctioned for the civil works are not affected as they are treated as spill-over for the next year and necessary funds are sanctioned for their completion. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 prescribes the time frame for various activities mandated under the Act and both the Central and State Governments are required to meet these timelines.

(g) The State- wise details of Central share released to the States/ UTs during 2011-12 is annexed.