

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

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TRAINING TO TEACHERS

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

(a) whether the Government has received suggestions for imparting training to teachers for developing their skills and improving the quality of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of funds allocated, released and utilized during the Eleventh Five Year Plan for the purpose, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has made any study to find out the reasons for non-utilisation of such funds; and

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The Sub-Group on Teacher Education for the XI Five Year Plan had made several suggestions for improving the teacher education system, including re- organization and restructuring of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Teacher Education. The Suggestions, inter alia, included strengthening of State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs), District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs), Colleges of Teacher Education (CTEs) and Institutes for Advanced Studies in Education (IASEs), support to states for professional development of school teachers and teacher educators and integrating elementary teacher education with higher education. State- wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized by the state governments/UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Teacher Education during 2007-08 and 2008-09 are annexed.

(c) and (d): Underutiization of funds in respect of some of the States is due to various reasons, including lower absorptive capacity of funds for salaries, training programmes and other activities. The performance of the teacher education institutions, including utilization of funds, is reviewed by the Teacher Education Approval Board (TEAB) in the Ministry. After in-depth scrutiny, the TEAB approves the State Plans and the matter is periodically reviewed by the Government. In order to evaluate the performance of these teacher education institutions, the Government has entrusted the task of. evaluation of the Teacher Education Scheme to the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Deihi.