

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:194
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) norms do not provide for inclusion of expenditure of free text books to students of Primary Schools in SSA budget if concerned State Government is providing free text books to students at the time of commencement of SSA Project;
- (b) if so, whether this does not amount to penalizing these State Governments;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to change the norms and include expenditure of providing free text books to be included in SSA budget for all States without any restriction;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to reimburse the expenditure borne by the State Governments including the Government of Gujarat on meeting expenditure on this account; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b) & (c): SSA funding to States/UTs is an additionality over and above States' own expenditure on elementary education.
- (d): No, sir.
- (e) to (g): Question does not arise.