

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

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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 details of targets fixed and achieved under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), State-wise;
- (b) whether the budgetary allocation for primary education is declining and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and spent on the primary education / SSA during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the allocated funds have not been fully utilized during the above period; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme targets universalizing elementary education, retention, bridging of gender and social category gaps and enhancement of learning levels . The enrolment of children at elementary level has increased from 17.93 crore in 2006-07 to 19.88 crore in 2013-14. The average annual drop out rate at elementary level has reduced from 8.61% in 2006-07 to 4.17% in 2012-13. Transition rate from primary to upper primary level has increased from 83.72 in 2006-07 to 89.58% in 2012-13. The average annual drop-out rate among girl students at elementary level has decreased from 9.08 % in 2006-07 to 4.40% in 2013-14. Budgetary allocation for elementary education under SSA has been increasing steadily from Rs. 11104 crore in 2006-07 to Rs.28258 crore in 2014-15.

(c) to (e): Details of funds allocated and expenditure for the last three years and the current year under the SSA is at Annexure. The central funds are released in two or more installments to the States depending on the State/UT's opening balance, release of commensurate State share, pace of expenditure, submission of audit reports and other such criteria laid down in the scheme.