

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN BUDGET
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) norms provides for only 30% of SSA budget to be spent on civil construction in normal circumstances;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to remove this restriction of 30% spending on civil construction;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to reimburse the expenditure met by the State Government of Gujarat from its own budget on civil construction for elementary education and if so, the time by which the said amount is likely to be reimbursed?

Answer

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

- (a) As per the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) framework for implementation, allocations for school infrastructure development should not exceed 33% of the total approved outlays on the entire project cost.
- (b) The reason for this provision is to keep adequate resources for teacher salaries, quality education and other equally critical elements of the programme for the overall development of elementary education.
- (c) No Sir.
- (d) For the reason stated in (b) above.
- (e) Funds under the SSA programme for approved activities including civil works, are released based on the basis of Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) of the respected States / UTs. The question of any reimbursement beyond the AWP&B approval, therefore, does not arise.