

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is making attempts to popularise the study of basic science among students especially in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and spent for the purpose in the Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the details of other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to popularise science education in schools?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), which is the main vehicle for implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, funds are sanctioned to States/UTs including for programmes of Science and Mathematics teaching-learning at Elementary level particularly at upper primary level. Under the SSA, Rs. 77414.67 Crore was sanctioned to States/UTs in the 11th Plan and Rs. 78716.84 Crore in the 12th Plan upto 2014-15, which inter alia, includes funds for quality improvement.

At the national level, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) works in tandem with the Department of Science and Technology to promote and popularize science amongst school children.