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IMPLEMENTATION OF PADHE BHARAT, BADHE BHARAT

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

(a) the mechanism that is likely to be put in place by the Government for the successful implementation of the new programme 'Padhe Bharat, Badhe Bharat' in States like Assam which have failed to implement Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, especially in rural areas;

(b) whether the Government will give special focus to implement this programme in areas with high population of Adivasis, SCs, STs and minorities who lag in the field of education and if so, the modalities worked out in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government is likely to provide guidance to such States for optimum utilisation of funds allocated under this scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat is a sub-programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan (SSA) to assist States/UTs in building interventions for early grade reading, writing & comprehension and early mathematics programmes.

The focus of the programme is on children attaining the basic skills of reading and writing with comprehension and basic maths. In case of children of Adivasis, SCs, STs and minorities who speak a language at home that is different from the medium of instruction, several States have taken the initiative to develop reading materials in different tribal languages spoken in the respective States. The guidelines of the programme Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat alongwith good practices of different States as well as of civil society organizations, have been shared with State/UTs through national level workshops.

State governments/UTs administrations are financially supported by the Central government to provide on-site academic support to teachers through Block Resource Centres (BRCs) and Cluster Resource Centres (CRCs), under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).

Utilization of funds under SSA including this sub- scheme, is monitored on a quarterly basis. In addition, 38 independent Monitoring Institutions also monitor the implementation of the SSA programme in the field through district visits.