GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4604 ANSWERED ON:22.04.2015 SCHEMES FOR GIRL STUDENTS Rao Shri Konakalla Narayana

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

- (a) whether there is a provision for providing free textbooks, separate toilets, bridge courses etc. for girl students, recruitment of 50% women teachers, early childhood care and education centres near schools along with ICDS programme, etc. by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard along with the funds allocated under this scheme in Various States including Telangana during the 12th Five Year Plan;
- (c) whether this scheme is being implemented in private/recognised schools as well; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITIZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): To ensure greater participation of girls in elementary education, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has targeted interventions for girls in all recognized Government schools imparting elementary education which include opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, appointment of additional teachers including women teachers, free textbooks, free uniforms, separate toilets for girls, teachers' sensitization programmes to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching-learning materials including text books. In addition Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) have been opened in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) where the female rural literacy is below the national average to provide for residential upper primary schools for girls. A statement of funds released to States including Telangana under SSA during the 12th Five Year Plan is at Annexure.