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Foreign Assistance in Education Sector

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

- (a) whether any funds have been provided by foreign institutions including World Bank and UNESCO for promotion of education;
(b) if so, the details of the funds received and utilised during the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise; and
(c) the achievements made as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam. The World Bank has provided financial assistance for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rastriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP). The DFID has extended financial support for the SSA and RMSA programmes. The European Commission (EC) have supported towards the implementation of the SSA programme in the country.

(b) The details of funds received from World Bank, DFID and EC for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan scheme for the last three years and the current year is as under:

(Rs in Crore)

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Sl. No. Financial year Funds Received from the World Bank Funds received from the EC DFID

1 2012-13 0.00 0.00 316.76

2. 2013-14 0.00 243.95 0.00

3. 2014-15 1207.016 0.00 0.00

4. 2015-16 1910.93 0.00 0.00

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For the Rastriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan(RMSA), the World Bank is to provide financial assistance upto US \$ 500 million for the period 2012-16 with a ceiling of US \$ 125 million in each financial year. The amounts released during the last three years are as under:

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Financial Year Amount disbursed (In cr. Rupees)

2012-13 428.21

2013-14 591.72

2014-15 1228.51

Total 2258.44

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The DFID is to provide Â£ 80 million for the period 2012-16 comprising (i) Â£ 60 million as direct financial assistance and (ii) Â£20 million technical assistance. The amounts released during the last three years are as under.

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Financial Year Amount disbursed (In million pounds)

2012-13 20.00

2013-14 20.00

2014-15 20.00

Total 60.00

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For the, Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme Phase-II (TEQIP-II), the World Bank sanctioned a Credit of 220 US Million Dollar.

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Year Amount disbursed in Rupees in crores

2012-13 184.59

2013-14 Nil

2014-15 263.44

2015-16 81.53 (till date)

Total 529.56

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(c) In SSA, as a result of the financial assistance, there has been a marked improvement in the total enrollment, Pupil Teacher Ratio, Gross Enrolment Ratio, percentage of girls, transition rate from primary to upper primary classes, enrollment of SC, ST and Muslim children besides increased recruitment of teachers. Alongside, the number of Out-of-School Children and Average Annual Drop rates has reduced significantly. The assistance has also helped in improved compliance of Right to Education (RTE) Act, through provision of toilet, drinking water, boundary wall, playground and library facilities.

For RMSA, apart from being actively involved in quality related intervention viz. teachers' training survey, national assessment survey, MIS activities, etc., the foreign assistance has helped strengthen monitoring mechanism and ensure better implementation of the scheme.

The World-Bank funded TEQIP has helped in a remarkable increase in number of institutions with academic autonomy, share of NBA accredited programmes, faculty with at least M.Tech degree, number of publications, revenue from externally funded R&D projects/consultancy besides transition rate of students from first year to second year,
