

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:353

ANSWERED ON:17.12.2014

ENROLMENT UNDER SSA

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) including its funding pattern;
- (b) the number and percentage of children enrolled under SSA during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether some States have urged for review of fund sharing pattern, if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken thereon;
- (d) the details of funds allocated and utilised under SSA during the said period, State/UT- wise; and
- (e) the mechanism put in place for regular assessment of students under SSA?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 353 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2014 ASKED BY SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY AND SHRI GANESH SINGH REGARDING "ENROLMENT UNDER SSA".

(a) to (e): Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented in partnership with State Governments for universalizing elementary education across the country and is operational since 2000-01. The main goals of SSA include universal access and retention, bridging of gender and social category gaps in elementary education and enhancement of learning levels of children. From the year 2010-11, the scheme is implemented in accordance with the provisions of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. The number of children enrolled in elementary education during the last three years is at Annexure-1.

The present fund sharing pattern between the Central and State Governments for SSA is in the ratio of 65:35 except for the North Eastern States for which the ratio is 90:10. Various States, like Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand etc., have requested a review of the fund sharing pattern under SSA. The Central Government has duly considered the requests and has decided to continue with the existing fund sharing pattern.

The Central funds released under SSA has increased from Rs. 19594.07 crore in 2010- 11 to Rs. 24735.85 crore in 2013-14. State/ UT-wise details of Central releases and expenditure reported by the States/UTs for implementation of SSA during last three years and current year up to November, 2014 are at Annexure-2.

RTE Act, 2009 provides for continuous and comprehensive evaluation in order to focus on the learning outcomes of every child in an ongoing manner and to ensure that children needing extra support are provided such support by the teacher. The National Achievement Surveys (NAS) are conducted by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) once in three years for classes III, V & VIII in government and government aided schools to review trends in learning level.