

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNDING PATTERN OF SSA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the funding pattern between the Centre and State under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is hitting the weak States adversely;
- (b) if so, whether the State Governments have lodged any protest against the SSA funding pattern and urged the Union Government to review the same;
- (c) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (d) whether there is an urgent need to bring in some changes in the current curriculum;
- (e) if so, whether the CBSE is planning to introduce subjects like photography, theatre and journalism at the plus two level; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The central fund released under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has increased from Rs. 19594.07 crore in 2010-11 to Rs. 24735.85 crore in 2013-14. Some States like Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand etc., have requested to review the fund sharing pattern between the Centre and States under SSA. After due consideration, the Government of India has decided to continue with the existing fund sharing pattern under SSA between Central and State Governments, which is in the ratio of 65:35 for all States except North Eastern Region (NER) States where it is 90:10, from the year 2010-11 for implementation of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

(d): The curriculum development is an ongoing process. The National Curriculum Framework (NCF)-2005 sets the guidelines for syllabi and textbooks at all the stages of school education.

(e) & (f): The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced 'Mass Media Studies' as an academic/vocational subject from the academic year 2010-11 for classes XI-XII and 'Theatre Studies' for class XI-XII from the academic session 2013-14. The CBSE Board offers compulsory areas called 'Work Education' and 'Art Education' for the students of classes IX-X and photography is a part of these areas.