

Title: Need to allocate funds for implementating the "Continuing Education Programme" in Virudhunagar district, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI RAVICHANDRAN SIPPAPARAI (SIVAKASI): In my Virudhunagar district, Continuing Education Programme has been implemented since 2002. The HRD Minister has allotted a grant of Rs.90,60,000 as the first year installment. The second year installment of Rs.1,15,00,000 has not yet been allotted even after the District Coordinator submitted the Utilisation Certificate for the second year to the HRD Ministry. There are around 360 employees working in this programme. For the past one-and-a-half years, they are working without their salary. It highly affects the Continuing Education Programme and also thousands of people, who are getting the benefit from this programme, are also are affected.

So, I humbly request the HRD Minister to immediately release this grant and make this programme viable in my district.