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Title: Need for effective monitoring of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan Programme in Odisha.

SHRI HEMANAND BISWAL (SUNDARGARH): Sarva Sikshya Abhiyan (SSA) is a very important flagship programme of the Union Government. In order to improve quality education with creation of proper infrastructure to facilitate the system, the Government of India allotted Rs. 6488.77 crores during the last financial year and 837.12 crores during the current fiscal year to Odisha. In spite of the huge amount received by the State Government, the standard of education is deteriorating day by day. The number of admission in Government Schools is decreasing whereas it is increasing in private Schools. More than 12000 teachers' posts are lying vacant and in particular the tribal dominated areas are the worst affected. Mis-utilization of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan funds are rampant. Quality of civil works is very poor. Many schools are running without tube wells and the State Government is not taking effective steps towards this in spite of intervention of the hon'ble High Court. So, the Government should intervene for effective monitoring of the programme on priority basis.