

Funds utilization by states

1917. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many States have not utilized the financial allocation provided for various schemes and if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the measures taken or being taken to avoid such lapses in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Funds are released to the States/Union Territories for implementation of the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes:

- (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme;
- (ii) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme;
- (iii) Merit-cum-means based Scholarship Scheme and (iv) Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP).

There is no non-utilization of financial allocation for the above mentioned three scholarship schemes as the funds are released to the States/UTs by the Central Government after receipt of proposals and utilization certificates for previous releases from States/UTs. The progress of implementation of scholarship schemes for students belonging to the minority communities, which are included in the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities, are reviewed and monitored on half yearly basis by a Committee of Secretaries and thereafter a report is submitted to the Cabinet. Under the scheme of Multi-sectoral Development Programme for the 90 minority concentration districts, launched in 2008-09, activities are taken up entailing longer period of implementation. The States/UTs have reported utilization of funds under MsDP to the extent of 75% for funds released in 2008-09. The details are given in the Statement (See below). Oversight Committees at the Centre and States/UTs carry out regular reviews and monitoring of the implementation of the scheme of MsDP.

Statement

State wise release of funds to the State Governments in 2008-09 under Multi Sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) and expenditure reported

| S.N. | State | Funds released (Rs. in crore) | Expenditure reported by the State Govt. (Rs. in crore) |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Uttar Pradesh | 124.42 | 111.74 |
| 2 | West Bengal | 43.28 | 32.65 |
| 3 | Haryana | 14.01 | 5.70 |
| 4 | Assam | 42.27 | 27.32 |
| 5 | Manipur | 30.12 | 26.02 |
| 6 | Bihar | 16.75 | 0.00 |
| Grand Total | | 270.85 | 203.43 |