

### World Bank proposal for assistance for SSA

†3128. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that World Bank provides funds for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the financial assistance provided so far by the World Bank for the implementation of this scheme;
- (d) whether it is a fact that World Bank has sent a proposal to Government to provide more financial assistance for implementation of this scheme; and
- (e) if so, the time by when the said proposal will be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The World Bank has provided funding for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme in two spells namely Phase-I from 2004 to 2007 during which the Bank has reimbursed Rs. 2233.18 crore, and Phase-II from 2007 to 2010 during which the Bank has reimbursed Rs. 2736.16 crore. In respect of its commitments for Phase-II the World Bank has reimbursed the entire amount.

The World Bank has approved further funding of US\$750 million for SSA during 2010-12 as extension of phase-II financing from 2007-10 to 2010-12.

### Scientific and technical education

3129. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was a need to empower youth in the field of scientific and technical education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken in this direction so far in the Eleventh Five Year Plan especially for SC/ST/BC students, State-wise; and
- (d) the funds allocated and spent for them so far for the said period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has granted approval to 7272 number of degree level technical and 2324 diploma level technical institutions as on 30.6.2009 thereby providing better opportunity for technical education to youth including those from the SC/ST/OBC categories. The Government has set up 8 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), 1 Indian Institute of Management (IIM), 5 Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) and 2 Schools of Planning and Architecture (SPAs). 4 more

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