

**International cooperation for promotion of Sarva Shiksha
Abhiyan**

†*425. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries whose cooperation is being sought to promote "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan" in the rural areas;

(b) the aid received from the international financial institutions and other countries during the last three years;

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(c) the States where this aid has been utilized, district-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the details of the other programmes formulated by Government for promotion of investment in the field of primary education?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) A consortium of International Development Association (IDA), Department for International Development, UK (DFID) and the European Commission (EC) is partially funding the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for the period 2003-04 to 2006-07. SSA is being implemented in all districts of the country except in the State of Goa.

IDA, DFID and the Netherlands are currently funding the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) in 129 districts of 9 States namely Gujarat, Bihar, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand. Shiksha Karmi Project in 150 blocks in 32 districts of Rajasthan is being currently funded by DFID. Another Programme, namely 'Janshala' which was implemented in 139 blocks in 30 districts of 9 States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, was funded by the United Nations Agencies.

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Details of assistance provided by these external funding organisations during the last three years are given in the enclosed statement. (*See below*)

The SSA is the umbrella programme of the Government of India for promotion of elementary education in the country.

Statement

Details of assistance provided by the International Organisations for promotion of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

SSA		(Rs. in Crore)		
Name of the Agency	Assistance Provided			
	2003-04	2004-05		
IDA	352	576		
DFID	242	396		
EC	139	228		
TOTAL	733	1200		
DEEP				
Name of the Agency	Assistance Provided			
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	
IDA	725.70	588.99	331.15	
DFID	115.86	117.63	130.59	
The Netherlands	21.96	35.73	13.97	
TOTAL	863.52	742.35	475.71	
SHIKSHA KARMI PROJECT				
Name of the Agency	Assistance Provided			
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	Total
DFID	15.02	10.00	39.04	64.04

JANSHALA

Name of the Agency	Assistance Provided			Total
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	
UNICEF, UNDP, UNESCO, ILO and UNFPA	18.8	15.93	12.60	46.61

White Paper on minority communities

*426. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring out a White Paper on the situation of the minority communities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The details are being worked out.

Judge-population ratio

*427. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of judges of High Courts and Subordinate Courts per one lakh population;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number of judges per lakh of population; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The present judge strength in India is approximately 13 per million population.