

Rs. 132.73 crores (as 80% of Central share) was released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh as under:

Sl.No.	Year	Amount released (Rs. in crores)
1.	1999-2000	80.00
2.	2000-01	50.00
3.	2001-02	2.73
TOTAL:		132.73

However, the State Government has been approached to provide details about the stated reminder.

Package for Uchcha Prathmik Schools

†3030. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special package has been prepared by Government to bring educational standard of all Uchcha Prathmik Schools across the country at par with Kendriya Vidyalayas under the programme for improvement in the quality of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any arrangement to mobilize financial resources for the expenditure to be incurred for the implementation of the schemes; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) aims to provide useful and relevant elementary education of satisfactory quality, for all children in the 6—14 years age group. Towards this objective several activities have been undertaken in the SSA *inter alia*, recruitment of 5.87 lakh additional teachers to improve the pupil teacher ratios, inservice training of about 30 lakhs teachers each year, free distribution of textbooks to about 5.35 crore Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe and girl students, regular academic support to primary

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

and upper primary schools through 7422 Block Resource Centres and 70735 Cluster Resource Centres, regular evaluation of student performance, etc.

The annual budget outlay under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has been raised to Rs. 11,000 crores for 2006-07. Each State and Union Territory prioritises funds for quality improvement through its annual work Plan and Budget.

Revision of school textbooks

3031. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether textbooks prescribed for students, particularly those prescribed for school children, are periodically revised and updated to incorporate latest research and development taking place in various fields, particularly scientific fields;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain obsolete and wrong information pertaining to medical science has been incorporated in certain high school textbooks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) NCERT periodically reviews syllabi and textbooks in consonance with the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) to accommodate emerging perspectives and changes in curricular areas. Base on NCF-2005, syllabi have been revised and new textbooks are being introduced in a phased manner from the academic session 2006-07. Further, textbooks published by NCERT are corrected and updated before bringing out reprint editions.

(c) and (d) In a newspaper report titled "NCERT's medicine men get medicine all wrong" which was published on 20.4.2006, it was alleged that NCERT textbooks for classes VI and VIII gave certain obsolete and wrong information pertaining to medical sciences. NCERT has already issued a rejoinder and has requested the newspaper to check facts before publishing reports. All efforts are made by NCERT to present update, authentic and