

(d) if so, the measures taken by Government to achieve the object of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is a comprehensive national programme of the Government of India launched in partnership with the State Governments with the objective of universalising elementary education by 2010 in the country. The State of Uttaranchal is implementing the SSA. Rs. 100.66 crore has been sanctioned by Government of India as Central share to Uttaranchal for the SSA and Rs. 33.34 crore has been sanctioned by Government of Uttaranchal as State share in 2005-06. The expenditure reported by the State as of 31.12.2005 is Rs. 108.69 crore.

An independent national survey conducted by the Government of India in July-October, 2005 revealed that 1,16,680 children are out of school children in Uttaranchal.

So far, 308 new primary schools, 449 new upper primary schools have been opened in un-served habitations and 1367 Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) centres as well as 125 Alternative and Innovative Education (AIE) centres have been opened for providing flexible schooling to out of school children. 13 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas have been opened in educationally backward blocks to provide residential schools for girls at upper primary level.

Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh

120. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved the creation of Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh with the money collected from the education cess;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are of the view that the elementary education should have assured annual allocation based upon its need; and

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(c) the amount spent so far from the Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh on elementary education and the Mid-day Meal scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During 2004-05, after the imposition of the Education Cess, outlays for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Mid Day Meal (MDM) Scheme were augmented to the extent of Rs. 2000 crores and Rs. 1232 crores respectively, and these additional outlays were fully utilized. During 2005-06, outlay for SSA was Rs. 7800 crores as compared to Rs. 5057.08 crores in 2004-05 and Rs. 3345.26 crores for MDM, as compared to Rs. 1675 crores and Rs. 1232 crores as Additional Central Assistance to States/UTs to meet cooking cost in 2004-05.

Adoption of National Curriculum Framework-2005

121. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Advisory Board of Education has adopted the National Curriculum Framework-2005;

(b) by when the work is likely to commence in order to bring the textbooks for the coming academic session;

(c) whether the reservations expressed by some of the members over some recommendations of the NCF have been taken into consideration by the CABE before finalizing the National Curriculum Framework-2005; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) NCERT has already initiated the process of development of textbooks based on the NCF-2005 and the syllabus prepared thereon. NCERT will introduce textbooks in three phases. In phase-I textbooks