

(b) to (d) In the Eleventh Plan, under NMEICT, there is a provision for providing 50% subsidy to colleges and universities for procuring computing devices like 'Aakash' as per their requirements. The colleges and universities could then issue these devices to financially weak students from the library on the pattern of the Book Bank Scheme. Thus, the individual subsidy to poor students like SC, ST and OBC for buying Aakash tablets may not be needed.

Scholastic Aptitude Test

554. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is contemplating single test on the lines of the Scholastic Aptitude Test in the US to reduce stress for students and improve access to education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the system would be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry.

(c) Does not arise.

Central funds to States under SSA

555. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the basis for allocation of Central funds to various States under SSA;

(b) the details of funds allocated to Andhra Pradesh under above schemes during Tenth Five Year Plan and so far in Eleventh Five Year Plan and for the rest of the country during the period, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(c) whether funds allocated to Andhra Pradesh have been spent for the specified purpose;

(d) if so, the results achieved year-wise and scheme-wise;

(e) whether any complaints of diversion/misuse of funds have come to the notice of Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) In the Tenth Five Year Plan the funding pattern under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) between Central and States was in the ratio of 75:25 (90:10 for NE States). The funding pattern between the Centre and States for Eleventh Plan was on a