

**Use of film archives and speeches of freedom struggle by CBSE**

2434. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA:

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

(a) whether CBSE has received any communication from National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC) for broadcasting film archives and speeches of our great patriotic leaders and history of our freedom struggle to wake up national integrity among our younger generation; and

(b) if so, further action taken by CBSE in this regard and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has approached the National Film Development Corporation Ltd. (NFDC) in May, 2012 for getting Digital Versatile Discs (DVDs) of films on patriotic leaders. The Corporation, *vide* its letter dated August 14, 2012, has informed the CBSE that the DVDs of landmark films including films such as 'GANDHI', 'MAKING OF MAHATMA', 'DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR' and 'SARDAR' are under preparation. The Corporation would contact the CBSE as and when the DVDs are finally prepared.

**Impact of SSA and other schemes**

2435. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the impact of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is dismal in States across the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that funds provided under the scheme are not being utilized fully;

(c) whether it is also a fact that schemes have failed to control students' drop-out rate in Government schools; and

(d) if so, whether Government would formulate annual action plans according to requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) No, Sir. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme is being implemented effectively in all the States/UTs. Since the inception of the SSA, 1,81,522 schools have been opened, 12,34,016 teachers have been recruited, and 5,30,212 toilets and 2,13,617 drinking water facilities have been constructed in schools.

(b) The SSA has a good track record of fund utilisation. Expenditure in 2009-10 was 97.91% of Budget Estimates (BE), in 2010-11 it was 98.38%, in 2011-12 it was 99.36% of BE and in 2012-13 till date it is 80.41% of BE.

(c) and (d) No, Sir, the drop out rates have declined from 39.03% at the primary level and 54.65% at the elementary level to 27% at the primary and 40.6% at the elementary level in 2010-11.

The Annual Work Plan and Budgets by States/UTs are prepared every year based on their requirement of funds to meet the objectives of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

#### **Scholarships for higher studies**

2436. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE:

SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA:

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

(a) the criteria for giving scholarships to college and university students to meet their day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies and also for facilitating sending of scholars abroad to enable them to best utilize better research facilities there;

(b) how many students and scholars have benefited from the schemes during the last three years, State/District-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to review the criteria for grant of scholarships to cover more students; and

(d) whether there is lack to awareness about scholarship schemes across the country and if so, the steps taken to popularise the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development operates the 'Central Sector Scholarship