

(c) to (e) The RTE Act provided a three year window period from date of enactment of the Act for achieving the norms and standards as laid down in the schedule to the RTE Act. All the States/UTs have made progress in this regard. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to ensure universal elementary education, 1,95,003 primary schools, 1,09,451 upper primary schools, 17,91,860 additional classrooms, 2,29,840 drinking water facilities, 8,53,624 toilets, and 19,82,904 teachers have been sanctioned since the inception of SSA. Of these 84.76% new primary schools, 89.66% new upper primary schools, 76.9% additional classrooms, 92.85% drinking water facilities, 63.59% toilets and the recruitment of 64.87% teachers have been completed till 31.12.2012.

Under the SSA, 8,143 primary schools, 1,940 upper primary schools, 1,03,337 additional classrooms, 9,041 drinking water facilities, 42,351 toilets and 39,189 teachers have been sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh since the inception of SSA. Against these sanctions, 94.42% new primary schools, 100% new upper primary schools, 79.61% additional classrooms, 100% drinking water facilities, 79.04% toilets and the recruitment of 69.92% teachers have been completed in Andhra Pradesh till 31.12.2012.

Implementation of Right to Education

2105. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry feels that implementation of Right to Education would get affected in view of cut in the Budget by Finance Ministry;

(b) the manner in which the Ministry perceives this and the steps taken to stop cut in the Budget; and

(c) the manner in which the Ministry is planning to achieve the target for school infrastructure and hiring of teachers before the deadline of March, 2013?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (c) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (RTE), 2009 came into effect on 01.4.2010. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), which is a centrally sponsored scheme aligned to assist the State/UTs in meeting the objectives of the RTE Act, 2009, budgetary provision of Rs.19838.23 crore, Rs.21000.00 crore and Rs.23645.00 crore was provided in the years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively, after the commencement of the RTE Act, 2009

in the Eleventh Plan period. For the Twelfth Plan period, Rs. 1,92,726 crore has been indicated as the outlay for the SSA programme.

Since enactment of RTE Act, 2009, 44,194 new schools, 7,00,475 additional teachers, 5,18,700 toilets and 31,678 drinking water facilities have been sanctioned under SSA to support the States/UTs in meeting RTE norms.

Proposal for setting up of SITs in Maharashtra

†2106. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal for setting up of 448 Satellite- Interactive Terminal (SIT) hubs and centres in the State for benefits of students and teachers in the field of education in the rural and densely populated areas of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Government has been asking for consideration of this proposal for the last four years but it has not been considered so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government would soon take up this proposal for consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (e) Ministry of Human Resource Development is mainly implementing:

(i) National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology which primarily focuses on higher education institutions; and

(ii) The Centrally sponsored scheme “Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in schools” with the objectives of establishing an enabling environment to promote the usage of ICT in Government and Government aided Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools for imparting computer literacy and computer aided learning.

The request from the Government of Maharashtra seeking funds for Satellite Interactive Terminals (SITs) for the School Education Department is not covered

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.