

The per capita allocation by Centre and State is Rs. 5.64 for primary classes and Rs. 7.41 for upper primary classes. The Central Government provide 100% funds for cost of foodgrains, transportation assistance and management, monitoring, and evaluation whereas the cooking cost and the honorarium to the cook-cum-helpers are shared in the ratio of 90:10 in respect of States in North East (NER) and 75:25 in respect of other States.

(e) Three complaints of diversion of foodgrains from Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Kerala were received during 2008 to 2012. These complaints were investigated and action taken against the concerned officials, which included suspension of the erring official, issuing of charge-sheet and the recoument of the entire quantity of the sice from the responsible officials.

Assistance to better performing States in education sector

2875. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed the problems of States like Kerala in getting funds from SSA and RMSA because these States have progressed in Lower Primary, Upper Primary and Secondary Education;

(b) if so, whether Government is planning for any scheme to help these States in their quality upgradation schemes;

(c) whether Government has noticed the need for improving the quality and quantity of higher education in Kerala;

(d) whether Government has any scheme or plan to help the needs of higher education for States which are not getting the SSA and RMSA funds like other States; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) are centrally sponsored schemes to support the States/UTs in elementary and secondary education respectively. The States/UTs which had progressed in the education sector prior to the launch of these schemes are supported not for substitution of funding already done by the State, but for further strengthening the

educational sector. In the last three years, Rs. 486.73 crore of Central funds have been released under the SSA and Rs. 44.56 crore under the RMSA to Kerala.

(c) Three model degree colleges have been approved in Kerala for higher education. Also 2324 college/university students in Kerala were provided scholarships under the central sector scheme of scholarships during 2012-13.

(d) and (e) All States are availing of funds under the SSA and the RMSA.

Central Universities under PPP mode

2876. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to run Central Universities under PPP mode for infrastructure creation and putting more supernumerary seats for foreign students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action plan for such universities to raise funds for better development of their infrastructure; and

(d) how far this would help to bridge the gap in "education for all in India"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) The Central Universities (CUs) are autonomous organisations governed by their respective Acts and the Statutes and the Ordinances framed there-under. They are competent to mobilize additional resources from private establishments also for, *inter-alia*, infrastructure development and make their action plan for such purposes. The UGC has informed us that it has issued directions to all the Universities to allot 15% supernumerary seats for the admission of foreign students in the Under-graduate and the Post-Graduate courses.

(d) Supplementing the Budgetary support received from the Government with additional resources mobilised from the private sector would definitely help enhance the access, equity and quality of higher education in the Central Universities. The contribution of CUs in the overall enrolment in the higher education sector in the country is about 4%.