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23	Meghalaya	07
24	Mizoram	04
25	Nagaland	05
26	Odisha	53
27	Puducherry (UT)	04
28	Punjab	48
29	Rajasthan	64
30	Sikkim	02
31	Tamil Nadu	40
32	Tripura	09
33	Uttar Pradesh	105
34	Uttarakhand	43
35	West Bengal	58
TOTAL		1087

National Book Promotion Policy

2885. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has approved the National Book Promotion Policy;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the salient features of the said policy;
- (d) whether Government had invited suggestions/comments from various sections of society before finalisation of the policy;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the extent to which the suggestions/comments received have been incorporated in the said policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (e) A twelve member Task Force was constituted in 2010 by the National Book Promotion Council (NBPC) to draft a comprehensive National Book Promotion Policy (NBPP). The draft report of the Task Force was approved by the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) in its 58th meeting held on 7th June, 2011. The proposed NBPP aims to ensure that

books are available in plenty and they are accessible to people living in even the remotest corners of our country. The NBPP is aware of the technological advances and their impact on the world of books. The policy strives at taking full advantage of the new technology while retaining the time-tested strengths of publishing and distribution of books. Subsequently, the NBPC in its meeting held on 5th January, 2012 suggested the draft policy to be revised. The MHRD has invited suggestions / comments from the concerned Ministries/Departments of Central Government, State Governments as well as the Central Education Institutions including the National Council for Education Research and Training, the Central Board of Secondary Education and the National Institute of Open Schooling, before finalising of the NBPP. Besides this, the draft policy was also placed on the website of the MHRD seeking response from the authors, publishers, civil society organizations, teachers, students and parents etc.

(f) The Ministry received 38 suggestions/comments from all corners and relevant suggestions have been suitably incorporated in the said policy.

Centrally sponsored programmes in education sector

2886. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the various Centrally sponsored programmes being implemented in the education sector in the country;

(b) the details of the amount allocated for Mid-Day-Meal Scheme (MDMS) and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether Government adopts an integrated approach in implementation of various centrally sponsored programmes in the education sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) The various Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in the education sector are given in Statement-I (*See below*).

(b) The details of funds released under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme and the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during 2009-10 to 2012-13 are given in Statement-II (*See below*).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government adopts an integrated approach in the implementation of the various centrally sponsored schemes, in keeping with