

and comprehensive evaluation system, teacher and school grants for development of appropriate teaching-learning materials, etc. have been put in place.

Toilets in schools in Assam

562. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey in the State of Assam regarding schools which do not have toilets and the number of co-educational schools in which there are no separate toilets for girl and boy students;

(b) if so, the result thereof; and

(c) the present status of implementation of the directive of Supreme Court to provide toilets in all schools within a fixed time-frame in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) According to the District Information System for Education (DISE), 2011-12, 70% of Government/aided elementary schools in Assam have toilets, while 48% of the co-educational schools have separate toilets for boys and girls.

(c) The State Government of Assam has informed us that as per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, temporary toilet facilities have been provided to the remaining Government/Government-aided elementary schools in the State.

Funds for education sector

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

(a) whether Government intends to provide more funds to education sector which at present hovers around 2.5 per cent of the GDP;

(b) whether since the recommendations of the Kothari Commission, academicians have advocated for funds upto 6 per cent of GDP; and

(c) by when Government would meet the expectations of the academicians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) The public expenditure on education as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is 3.80% (Provisional) during 2010-11 (Budget Estimates).

(b) The Education Commission, 1964-66, under the Chairmanship of Dr. D.S. Kothari, projected that the educational expenditure in the country as a whole should rise to 6 per cent of the Gross National Product by 1985-86. The National Policy on Education 1986, as modified in 1992, had also laid down that the investment on education be gradually increased to reach a level of 6% of the National Income as early as possible.

(c) The outlay of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) for the Twelfth Five Year Plan is Rs. 453728 crore (Rs. 343028 crore for the Department of School Education and Literacy and Rs. 110700 crore for the Department of Higher Education). As compared to the outlay of Eleventh Plan, which was Rs. 269873 crore, (Rs. 184930 crore for the Department of School Education and Literacy and Rs. 84943 crore for Department of Higher Education), this is an increase of 68%. This increase in central plan outlay for education represents a determined effort on the part of the Central Government for raising public spending on education towards the national goal of spending 6% of GDP for education. Overall progress towards this goal, would also depend to a great extent on the investment made by the States on education. It should be noted that the overall target of 6% of GDP would include private sector spending on education as well.

Utilization of funds under SSA in Maharashtra

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

(a) the total amount released to Maharashtra under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for the year 2012-13;

(b) the amount spent by the State till January, 2013;

(c) the reasons for not spending the total amount consecutively for three years; and

(d) the reasons for the States spending the sanctioned amount in the last two months of the financial year and falling prey to scams?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) The Government of India has released the Central share of Rs. 995.75 crore to the Maharashtra Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for 2012-13 till date. The Government of Maharashtra has reported