

Education for challenged children

2761. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his ministry has allocated separate funds for education of the challenged children;

(b) if so, the amount thereof; and

(c) the manner in which his Ministry is planning to spend it; the areas of the education to which the priority would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 45.00 crores has been allocated for 2005-06 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for the Disabled Children (IEDC). 100% assistance is provided under various components of the scheme for education of children suffering from mild to moderate disabilities in common schools. The components include facilities for disabled children, educational aids, assistive equipment and salaries for special teachers. Under the Inclusive Education component of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), an amount of Rs. 186.79 crores have been allocated for 2005-06. The amount will be spent on various activities for the education of children with special needs in the 6-14 years age group, viz. medical & functional assessment of their needs, preparing such children for schools, provision of aids and appliances, teacher training barrier free access to schools, specialized resource support and appropriate teaching learning methodologies.

World Bank Assistance For Anganwadi Centres

†2762. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has extended assistance to run 'Anganwadi Centres';

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last one year;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.