

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.

(c) the number of the Anganwadi Centres running at present; and

(d) the number of women and children being benefited from these Centres, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the last one year [2005-05], World Bank extended assistance of US\$57,667,125.08 and US\$4,185,201.87 for implementation of (i) Integrated Child Development Services Project-III/Women and Child Development Project and (ii) ICDS component of Andhra Pradesh Economic Restructuring Programme (ICDS-APER Project) respectively.

(c) and (d) As on 30.9.2005, 1,32,134 Anganwadi Centres [108164 under ICDS-III plus 23970 under ICDS-APER] were running with World Bank assistance. A Statement giving State-wise number of women and children being benefited from these Centres, is given below.

Statement

State-wise number of women and children being benefited from Anganwadi Centres being run with World Bank assistance

Sl. No.	State	Children (0-6 years)	Women
ICDS-III PROJECT			
1.	Uttar Pradesh	676837	224095
2.	Rajasthan	594964	133899
3.	Maharashtra	857179	131838
4.	Kerala	194468	36417
5.	Madhya Pradesh	2360000	593000
6.	Chhattisgarh	665357	175487
7.	Bihar	2108320	505951
8.	Jharkhand	361487	108766
ICDS-APER PROJECT			
9.	Andhra Pradesh	1102712	287664
TOTAL :		8921324	2197117