

Road map for education of minorities

2041. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the road map of the present Government for the education of minorities specially the Muslims;
- (b) in what way it is different from that of the previous Government;
- (c) whether any targets would be fixed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (e) Education of students including those from the minority communities is a continuous process and the Government is committed to enhance the participation of minorities in education. The Government has a two fold approach in the matter in which priority is given to minority concentration districts in central schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Rashtriya Madyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Teacher Education Scheme, Adult Literacy, the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme (JNV), setting up of Girls Hostels, Model Schools Scheme, establishment of the Model Degree Colleges, Women Hostels and Polytechnics, etc., in order to promote participation of minorities at all levels of education. At the same time, schemes for madarsa modernization, infrastructure development of minority schools, scholarships for minority students to pursue school and college education and open schooling initiatives, are specially targeted to benefit minority students and minority institutions.

Targets for minorities are included under the centrally sponsored schemes as per the scheme parameters while an amount of ₹ 100.00 crore for modernization of madaras has been additionally provided to the Department of School Education, Government of India, in the Budget Estimates 2014-15.

Schemes for achieving total literacy

2042. SHRI GARIKAPATI MOHAN RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by Government to achieve total literacy in the country within a stipulated time period; and
- (b) the details of proposed schemes to achieve total literacy in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) The Government have enacted the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and is implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme for universalisation of elementary education for all children in the 6-14 age group. Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Adult Education and Skill Development, is also being implemented for literacy in the 15 plus age group for enhancing the literacy rate of the country. Both schemes are being implemented during the XIIth Five Year Plan period.

Funds to Bihar for minority education

2043. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALLYAWI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds given to Bihar Government during the last three years and the current year for the education of minorities;
- (b) whether the amounts given were inadequate; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken / being taken to increase the funds?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) Under the Scheme of Providing Quality Education In Madrasa (SPQEM) which aims at providing assistance to Madrasas for introduction of modern subjects in madrasa curriculum and meeting national curriculum standards, Rs.0.56 crore were given to Bihar in 2012-13. No funds were sought by Bihar under SPQEM in 2011-12. In 2013-14 Rs.30.81 crore for 1127 madrasas was approved for Bihar but funds could not be released due to non-receipt of information on requisite budget provision by the State Government.

No funds have been released to Bihar under Infrastructure Development of Minority Institution (IDMI) scheme till date as no proposal for the same has been received from the State Government.

Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), the minority concentration districts (MCDs) are allocated funds on priority for development of school infrastructure. The funds released to Bihar Government in the last 3 years and current year under SSA are ₹ 1851.08 crore (2011-12), ₹ 2754.62 crore (2012-13), ₹ 2610.13 crore (2013-14) and ₹ 733.03 crore (2014-15 till date) which also includes funds for education of minorities.