

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 BALYAWI: 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.