

Corporations/Societies in the Project States. Accordingly, the provisions were made in the financial year 2003-04. However, the World Bank's Social Development Unit, on receipt of advice from the World Bank Management, expressed its inability to support the proposal for strengthening of the Women Development Corporations/Societies.

In view of above, the provision earmarked for strengthening of Women Development Corporations/Societies could not be utilized.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Commission for Minority Educational Institutions

1255. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to establish a Commission for Minority Educational Institutions for providing minority professional institutions direct affiliation to Central Universities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the Common Minimum Programme of the UPA Government, a Commission for Minority Educational Institutions that would provide direct affiliation for minority professional institutions to Central Universities will be established. The matter is under consideration.

Achievement of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1256. SHRI SANJAY RAJARAM RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 25 per cent of the 400 million children of the country could not attend schools due to poor financial condition;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and whether Government's 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' plan is sorting out this problem; and

(c) If so, the details of the progress made through this plan particularly in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to the estimates for year 2002-03, about 18% of the children in the age group 6 to 14 years and 63% of the children in the age group 14 to 18 years are not attending schools due to various reasons including financial and social conditions.

(b) and (c) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), which was launched in 2001-02, covers the entire country and addresses the needs of all children in the age group 6-14 years. The main objectives of the scheme are (i) To bring all 6-14 years age group children in schools/EGS Centres/Bridge courses by 2003 (ii) To ensure that all children in this age group to complete primary education of good quality by 2007 and elementary education by 2010. The progress made so far under SSA in the country and in Maharashtra is given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

The approvals made under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)

Item	India				Maharashtra			
	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No. of districts for which annual work plan approved	512	592	598	597	11	35	35	35
Outlay (Rs. in Crore)	1108.00	3411.00	8547.00	10973.00	104.49	431.22	628.00	852.55
Amount released by GOI (Rs. in Crore)	499.96	1589.26	2732.29	2600.00*	43.90	110.00	205.27	200.00
No. of new schools approved	7779	18059	67190	-	-	-	316	389
No. of new teachers appointed/Sanctioned	33921	25782	398189	-	-	1238	632	620
Construction of new school buildings	1937	8095	40980	-	-	150	184	221

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Construction of additional classrooms in existing schools	10851	29969	68779	-	-	5821	6225	3174
No. of Toilets constructed	21344	39304	46272	-	-	42	550	5276
No. of drinking water facilities	8127	26515	33161	-	-	-	461	6483
No. of schools receiving maintenance grants	NA	515700	733000	-	-	62655	57918	77538
No. of children receiving free text books (In Lakh)	NA	311.40	469.59	-	-	76.33	91.49	92.85
No. of teachers receiving grants for teaching aids (in lakh)	NA	21.62	29.67	-	-	4.39	4.13	4.21

*Upto 12.8.2004

Proposal to make short length films

1257. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has made any proposal to make short-length films on lives of the important personalities of this State having national reputation like Veer Surendra Sai, Buxi Jagabandh Jayee Rajguru, Pathani Samant, Dr. Harekrushna Mahatab and Biju Patnaik or bringing out books on the lives of the above personalities;

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to the request of the State Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Biographical films on late Shri Biju Patnaik, Chief Minister of Orissa and Mahamohapadhyay Samanta Chandrashekar popularly known as Pathani Samanta are being produced by Film Division, Ministry of I&B. A biographical film on late Shri Akshay Mohanty, the music legend of Orissa, is also being produced after request for the same was received from the State Government. Film Division