

**Fund for Model Schools**

1372. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government has not released funds for the Model Schools in various States during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of dues pending during the last three years, State-wise, particularly for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) to (c) The detail of grants released during the year 2014-15 under the Centrally Sponsored Model School Scheme, State-wise are given in the Statement (*See* below). However, The Model School Scheme was delinked from the support of the Government of India with effect from 01.04.2015 and transferred to States/UTs in the light of enhanced devolution of financial resources to States as per the recommendation of 14th Finance Commission. Accordingly, no grants were released during 2015-16 and 2016-17.

**Statement**

*State-wise grants released during 2014-15 under the Model School Scheme*

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	States	Grants released during 2014-15		Total
		Non Recurring	Recurring	
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh		145.26	145.26
2.	Assam		1.03	1.03
3.	Chhattisgarh		6.67	6.67
4.	Gujarat	8.13	5.38	13.51
5.	Haryana	0.03	16.03	16.06
6.	Karnataka		23.32	23.32
7.	Madhya Pradesh	70.00	37.80	107.80

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8.	Maharashtra		0.89	0.89
9.	Odisha	149.82		149.82
10.	Punjab		10.74	10.74
11.	Rajasthan	84.74		84.74
12.	Tamil Nadu		29.46	29.46
13.	Tripura	10.01		10.01
14.	Uttar Pradesh	116.04		116.04
15.	West Bengal	96.34		96.34
16.	Telangana	3.81	163.11	166.92
TOTAL		538.92	439.69	978.61

**Closure of schools in Andhra Pradesh**

1373. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has given order to close 3,778 primary and 2,384 upper primary schools thereby depriving nearly one lakh students to abandon their education;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government has closed down 2,825 schools in 2015 in the name of clusterisation or rationalization or consolidation;

(c) whether it defeats the objectives of SSA and RTE which aims to get 100 per cent education at the primary and upper primary education; and

(d) the steps Government would take to reopen all the schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) No, Sir. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported that no orders have been given to close any primary or upper primary schools.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. As reported by the State Government, no school was closed in the State in 2015. However, a positive consolidation of 1434 Primary Schools, with student enrolment of less than 30 students, was undertaken by the State