

The Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing the Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme for welfare of the students from rural areas with poor economic backgrounds.

The scheme aims to ensure that no one from the Economically Weaker Sections, including minorities, SCs/STs, women and disabled, is denied access to professional education only for the reason that he or she is poor. Under the scheme, full interest subsidy is provided during the moratorium period (course period plus one year), on the educational loan up to ₹ 7.5 lakh, taken by the students having annual parental income up to ₹4.5 lakh.

(c) and (d) The Government is regularly monitoring the creation of seats for EWS categories in the CEIs. In order to prevent commercialization of education and protect the interests of the poor students the UGC (Institution of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 have been notified.

#### **Implementation of schemes under SSA**

671. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) during the last three years;

(b) whether any analysis has been carried out recently to know the status of implementation of various schemes under SSA;

(c) the quantum of allocation made during the last three years under SSA; and

(d) the details and status of schemes initiated under SSA in various part of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (c) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) was under implementation from 2000-01 to 2017-18 for universalization of quality elementary education throughout the country in coordination and consultation with the States and UTs. Now, the SSA along-with other Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Teacher Education (CSSTE) have been subsumed under a new scheme-Samagra Shiksha, which is under implementation in the country with effect from 2018-19. It is an overarching

programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education. An amount of ₹ 22500.00 crore, ₹ 23500.00 crore and ₹ 30780.81 crore has been provided at Revised Estimate stage for SSA and Samagra Shiksha during the financial years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively.

(b) To ensure effective utilization of funds under SSA/Samagra Shiksha, there is robust monitoring system in place to review the physical and financial progress of approved interventions through monthly/quarterly reports, annual audit by independent Chartered Accountants empanelled with the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, a regular CAG audit, a system of concurrent financial reviews, as well as regular internal audit and regular Review Meetings with all States and UTs are held for monitoring the optimum utilization of funds. The Shagun portal has been launched to create a repository of best practices from the States and UTs and to enable online monitoring of implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

(d) Under the SSA and the Samagra Shiksha from 2001 till 2018-19, sanction has been given for opening of 3.64 lakh new elementary schools and for construction of 3,12,747 school buildings, 18,89,689 additional classrooms, 2,40,564 drinking water facilities and 10,63,164 school toilets. States and UTs have reported opening up of 3.60 lakh new elementary schools, construction of 2,96,627 school buildings, 18,17,081 additional classrooms, 2,34,409 drinking water facilities and 10,22,106 toilets as on 31.03.2019.

#### **Setting up of educational institutes**

672. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number and details of social science institutes and departments, engineering and medical colleges set up by Government during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): The Government does not set up social science departments, as these departments are set up in the university system. Although, the Government has not set up any social science institute during the last three years, however, to promote research in the social sciences, the Department of Higher Education, MHRD through the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), in August, 2018 has launched a Scheme: Impactful Policy Research in Social Science (IMPRESS), at a total cost of ₹ 414 crore to support research in the social sciences in higher educational institutions.