

(b) to (d) The proceeds of Education Cess, credited into Prarambhiik Shiksha Kosh (PSK) are utilised exclusively for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme. Expenditure on SSA and MDM is incurred from PSK after funds provided by way of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) are fully utilised. No allocation is made separately to States against the Education Cess. Assistance under PSK is released to States as per the schematic pattern and budgetary allocations for SSA and MDM.

Information regarding Central assistance released to State of Madhya Pradesh under SSA and MDM scheme is as follows:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	SSA	MDM
2005-06	771.73	261.97
2006-07	1108.79	497.18

Setting up of IISER in Andhra Pradesh

1532. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons for delay in setting up of the above institute; and

(e) by when the above institute is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) A proposal for setting up of an Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh was received from the Chief Minister, Government of Andhra Pradesh. On the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (SAC-PM), the Government of India have set up three Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs), one each at Pune, Kolkata and Mohali. At present, the Government is not considering setting up one such Indian Institute of Science Education Research (IISER) at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh.

Educational schemes for Punjab

1533. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases for grant submitted by Punjab Government for various educational schemes relating to higher education, pending with the University Grants Commission as on 31st March, 2007, under various heads; and