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Financial assistance for school education

505 # **Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki:**

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific financial assistance provided by the World Bank in 2021 to enhance the quality and governance of school education; and
- (b) the details regarding allocation and utilization of this financial assistance?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a): Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) was approved by the Cabinet in October 2020, to be implemented as a centrally sponsored scheme by the Department of School Education & Literacy. After signing of the Loan Agreement with World Bank, STARS became effective on 23rd February 2021 for a period of five years i.e. up to FY: 2024-25. STARS is being implemented in six States which are Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala. STARS aims to improve the quality and governance of school education in 6 states of India. STARS envisages to support the states in developing, implementing, evaluating and improving interventions with direct linkages to improve education outcomes and school to work transition strategies for improved labor market outcomes.

The total cost of the project is approximately Rs. 5718 crore, with US\$ 500 million (approximately Rs. 3700 crore) to be funded by the Central Government through World Bank and rest coming as State share from the participating States, over a period of 5 years. The fund sharing pattern is 90:10 for Himachal Pradesh and 60:40 for the other States i.e. Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala and Odisha.

(b): The details of total budget allocation and utilization of funds by the Government of India under STARS is in the table below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Budget Allocation as per Revised Estimates	Utilization (Releases to States and expenditure under National Component)
2020-21	111.79	91.17
2021-22	340.00	282.30
2022-23	480.00	473.45
2023-24 (till date)	700.00	419.95
Total	1631.79	1266.87
