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**Expenditure on Primary Education in J & K, Himachal Pradesh and
Uttaranchal**

4414. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any specific Centrally Sponsored Programme for imparting elementary education to the children in the age group 6—14 of gujar and other living in the hilly areas of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal, who move to the planes with their animals and families with the onset of winter and move back to their homes as the summer approaches; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the expenditure incurred thereon during the Ninth Five Year Plan period and that proposed for the Tenth Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative and Innovative Education (EGS & AIE) was introduced on April 1, 2001 with flexible strategies for education of children in difficult circumstances, including those of migratory groups of people.

During the year 2001-02 an amount of 45.43 lakhs and Rs. 182.21 lakhs has been released to Uttaranchal and Jammu and Kashmir respectively for interventions under the EGS & AIE scheme. No proposal under EGS & AIE scheme was received from Himachal Pradesh during 2001-02.

With effect from April 1, 2002, the scheme of EGS & AIE has been subsumed with the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a nation wide programme being implemented in partnership with State Governments, to provide elementary education for all children in the age group of 6—14 years by 2010.

Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh have submitted their requirements for EGS & AIE facilities in their Perspective Plans for the Tenth Plan period as Rs. 1074.92 lakhs and Rs. 98.51 lakhs respectively. Jammu and Kashmir has not submitted their requirements for the Tenth Plan period.