

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the National Literacy Programmes are likely to be merged;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reason therefor;
- (c) whether there could be huge savings of administrative costs by merging these two programmes;
- (d) if so, whether any study has been conducted pertaining to the reduction of administrative costs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) to (c): The two programmes are complementary in nature targeting different age groups. While Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is for children in the age group 6-14 years, the National Literacy Programme is for adults in the age group 15-35 years.

(d) and (e): No, Sir.