

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) amount accrued in `Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh` and other head out of the Education cess as levied in terms of budget for 2004-05;
- (b) the criteria fixed for utilization of the amount for specified purposes showing the allocation and utilization made so far State-wise against each component; and
- (c) the targeted accrual by the end of current financial year and benefit to be derived out of its implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM):

(a): As per the Revised Estimates 2004-05, the receipts under Education cess is estimated at Rs. 5010 crore.

(b)&(c): The receipts from the cess are to be utilized exclusively for Elementary Education, including Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day Meal Scheme. Allocations to States are not being made separately against the cess but released under the individual schemes related to Elementary Education in accordance with the guidelines of such schemes. Budget Estimates of 2005-06 assumes Rs. 6975 crore as receipts from Education cess.