

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:382
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EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR N.R. REGION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme for the development of educational infrastructure in the N.E. region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated under such scheme during the current financial year, State-wise; and
- (d) the other steps the Government has taken/proposes to take for the enhancement of standard of education especially for girls in the region?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 382 FOR ANSWER ON 20.12.2005 REGARDING EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR N.E. REGION BY SHRIMA TI SUMITRA MAHAJAN.

(a) to (d): Central Government has established the following important educational institutions of Higher and Technical Education in the North Eastern Region:

(i) Five Central Universities - two in Assam and one each in Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland.

(ii) An Indian Institute of Technology at Guwahati.

(iii) A National Institute of Technology at Silchar.

(iv) The North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology (NERIST) at Itanagar.

(v) Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has established 8 Regional Centres and 173 Study Centres in the region.

2. The Government has taken the following initiatives for the development of education (including educational infrastructure) in the North Eastern region:

(i) A High Level Group (HLG) comprising Chief Ministers and Education and Social Welfare Ministers of NE States has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Human Resource Development for considering specific issues relating to education and women and child development in the North East. The Committee met last on 29th May, 2005 at Guwahati.

(ii) During 2004-05, Rs.5.00 crores has been released for setting up of Faculties of Engineering to each of the five Central Universities. Rs.2.00 crores has also been released for setting up of Faculties of Management to each of the Central Universities of Mizoram, Nagaland and NERD and State Universities of Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura.

(iii) Manipur University is being converted into a Central University.

(iv) Government has decided to set up an Indian Institute of Management in the North Eastern Region.

(v) Indira, Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)'s FM (Gyan Vani) Stations at Guwahati and Shillong have become operational on 29th May, 2005.

(vi) A Central Institute of Technology is proposed to be established at Kokrajhar, Assam to cater to the needs of Bodos.

(vii) A HUB, Studio and 50 SITs (Satellite Interactive Terminals) will be provided free of cost to each of the States in the North-East by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

3. Funds are allocated by Central Government for development of educational infrastructure in the North Eastern region mainly under the following schemes:

(i) Centrally Sponsored Schemes:

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).
Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV).
Teacher Education.
Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS).

(ii) Central Sector Schemes:

Grants to Central & State Universities.
Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.
National Institute of Technology, Silchar.
North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology, Itanagar.

State-wise funds allocated during the year 2005-06 for the NE region under the above schemes are given in the Annexure.

4. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) envisages special efforts to bring 'out of school girls', especially from the disadvantaged groups, to the school. SSA has following provisions for education of the girl child:

(i) Free textbooks for girls upto Class VIII;

(ii) Separate toilets for girls' schools;

(iii) Atleast 50% of teachers to be appointed should be women;

(iv) Context specific innovative interventions for girls education upto Rs.15.00 lakh per year per district;

(v) Interventions for Early Childhood Care Education in habitations not covered under ICDS.

5. In addition, SSA has a component called the National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) which is being implemented in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs). In North Eastern region, this component is being implemented in 11 blocks of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura.

6. The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) scheme envisages setting up of residential schools at elementary level for girls belonging predominantly to the SC, ST, OBC and minorities in difficult areas. 17 KGBVs have been sanctioned so far in 3 NE States viz., Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Tripura.

Annexure

Statement showing details of funds released under Centrally Sponsored & Central Sector Schemes to NE States during 2005-06.

Centrally Sponsored Schemes

(Rs. in Crare)

S.No. Name of SSA/ KGBV Teacher JSS
States NPEGEL Education

1	Arunachal Pradesh	16.44	2.11	4.20	0.10
2.	Assam	99.71	-	3.27	0.30
3.	Meghalaya	19.26	0.13	0.11	-
4.	Manipur	13.27	-	6.02	0.28
5.	Mizoram	16.54	-	4.40	0.10
6.	Nagaland	10.53	-	1.92	0.10
7	Sikkim	6.00	-	-	-
8.	Tripura	70.70	0.33	0.07	0.10
	Total	252.45	2.57	19.99	0.98

Central Sector Schemes

(Rs. in Crare)

S.No Name of Grants to State IIT, NIT, IGNOU NERIST
States Central Univer- Guwa- Silchar
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1	Arunachal Pr.	0.01	0.20	12.00			
2.	Assam	9.08	9.30	33.28	7.50		
3.	Meghalaya	27.57					
4.	Manipur	1.07	0.26				
5.	Mizoram	8.52	0.31				
6.	Nagaland	10.58	0.25				
7	Sikkim	0.20					
8.	Tripura	1.42	0.40				
	Total	55.75	11.80	33.28	7.50	1.62	12.00