

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

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QUALITY OF EDUCATION

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

- (a) the amount sanctioned by the Government for improving the quality of education in Government and aided schools during the expired period of the current Five Year Plan, year-wise;
- (b) whether some schools have been identified for this purpose and assessment made of the required funds in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any steps have been taken to improve the quality of education of science in the revised plan;
- (e) if so, whether the States have submitted district-wise lists of such schools to the Central Government; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the efforts made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (f): The National Policy on Education accords priority for improvement of the standard of education at all levels. Concerns regarding quality and equity are continuously addressed by the Central and State Governments through appropriate interventions at various levels. Such interventions include infrastructure development, supply of teaching-learning material, periodic revision of the curricula, introduction of subjects in new and emerging areas, value education, teachers' training and deployment, and reforms in the examination system. During the Tenth Five Year Plan, it was decided to introduce a composite Centrally Sponsored Scheme called "Quality Improvement in Schools" by converging the following five existing schemes of this Department: -

- (i) Improvement of Science Education in Schools;
- (ii) Environmental Orientation to School Education;
- (iii) Introduction of Yoga in Schools;
- iv) National Population Education Project; and
- (v) International Science Olympiads.

It has been decided to transfer the component "Improvement of Science Education in Schools" to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations as a State Sector Scheme. The States/UTs shall make provision for the scheme in their budgets as per their requirements.

The other four components would be implemented by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), an autonomous body under the Department of Secondary & Higher Education, from 2006-07. The expenditure incurred on the scheme of 'Quality Improvement in Schools' during the first three years of the Tenth Five Year Plan is indicated below:-

Year Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)

2002-03	1843.15
2003-04	1113.09
2004-05	513.84