

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

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FREE TEXT BOOKS TO GIRL STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the various State Governments have sought financial assistance particularly by Maharashtra for providing free text books to the students under the scheme `Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan`;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which the requisite assistance is likely to be provided to the State Governments?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (c): The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme has provision for distribution of free text books to all girls and SC/ST children in classes I-VIII if there is no existing State Government scheme for the same purpose. Funds have been sanctioned to all State/UT SSA programmes who were eligible, including Maharashtra, for the year 2004-05.