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Title: Need to provide Central share of arrears for Sarva Siksha Abhiyan project in Kannur district of Kerala.

SHRIMATI P.K. SHREEMATHI TEACHER (KANNUR): Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) has been introduced to provide universal access and bridge gender and social category gaps in elementary education and improve the quality of learning as envisaged under RTE Act. Government have provided the above facilities and the SSA is sincerely contributing in such matters. Now it is facing financial constraints due to non-release of central share for the project. Total project cost of SSA during 2017-18 in Kannur District comes to Rs. 30.9 crore. Out of which central share comes to 18.58 crore and the remaining burden goes to the state government. But the Ministry of Human Resource Development has released only Rs. 7.50 crores till date. The balance amount of Rs. 11.08 crore needs to be released so as to meet the expenditure on construction of school buildings, toilets, distribution of Instruments to differently-abled, salary for the employees etc.