

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020

Hygiene in Schools

4. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:
SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

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

- (a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to educate children on issues of gender sensitization and menstrual hygiene in schools in the country and if so, the details of the budget allocated for the purpose as on date;
- (b) if not, whether there is such proposal in the pipeline;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal/plan for menstrual hygiene for the girl students from class 6 to 12 in the country in order to prevent school drop outs of girl children;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (e): Gender sensitization has been incorporated as a core component of the National Curriculum Framework-2005. All textbooks and training material for teachers address the topic.

Under Adolescence Education Programme (AEP), NCERT has prepared Training and Resource Materials to train teachers and organise activities with students to help them to understand and challenge, stereotypes and discrimination, reporting abuse and violations against women from young age.

Under the Integrated Scheme for School Education - Samagra Shiksha, State specific projects for varied interventions under equity, including menstrual health and hygiene are emphasized for enhancing access, retention, quality and reducing drop-out of girls in schools by promoting enrolment drives, retention and motivation camps, gender sensitization modules etc. State Specific Projects are sanctioned by the Project Approval Board as per the Annual Work Plans proposed by the State/UT concerned. Such projects include Life Skills, Awareness programmes, incinerator, Sanitary Pad Vending Machines. The amount of Rs. 15566.96 lakh has been approved for State Specific Projects for the year 2019-20 under Samagra Shiksha.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare supports the States/UTs in implementing the Scheme for Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene among adolescent girls in the age group of 10-19 years, living primarily in the rural areas.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020 ASKED BY SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN AND SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH REGARDING “HYGIENE IN SCHOOLS”.

Rs. In Lakhs

Particulars	Budget Approved	
	Physical	Financial
<u>Special Projects for Equity (Elementary)</u>		
Adolescent Programme for Girls	8376	829.75
<u>Project - Girls Empowerment (Elementary)</u>		
Balika Manch/Mann Ki Baat	136	6.80
Empowering Girls through girls	19781	967.95
Life Skill	163862	3596.49
<u>Project- Girls Empowerment (Secondary)</u>		
Life Skills Programme	1122	56.10
Adolescent Programme for Girls Students	197691	2316.27
Kishori Utkarsh Manch	35	105.00
Kishori Manch	1671	120.18
Incinerator	8683	2625.58
Sanitary Pad Vending Machine	6274	1789.90
