GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2656
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2021

Funds to Bihar under Sarva Shikha Abhiyan

2656 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated to the State of Bihar by the Central Government under Sarva Shikha Abhiyan during the current financial year; and

(b) whether Government has given priority to Bihar while allocation of funds keeping the educational backwardness of the State in mind?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) & (b): The Department of School Education & Literacy has launched an Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education- Samagra Shiksha with effect from 2018-19 which subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE).

As per norms of the scheme, the annual plans are prepared by the States and UTs based on their requirements and priority and this is reflected in their respective Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) Proposals. These plans are then appraised and approved/estimated by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in the Department of School Education & Literacy in consultation with the States and UTs as per the programmatic and financial norms of the scheme, availability of funds and physical and financial progress of the State for the interventions approved earlier. Further, the funds

are released on the basis of submission of Audited Accounts, Utilization Certificate, physical and financial progress and other documents as prescribed under the Financial Management & Procurement (FMP) Manual of Samagra Shiksha. Further, preference is given to Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs), LWE affected districts, Special Focus Districts (SFDs), Border areas and the 115 Aspirational Districts. As per fund sharing pattern of the centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha scheme (60:40), Rs. 382755.00 lakh have been allocated to the State of Bihar as central share in the financial year 2020-21.

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