

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 304**  
**ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**Agreement with World Bank to improve quality of school education**

304 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

- (a) the quantum of financial aid provided under the agreement inked between the Government of India and the World Bank (WB) in order to improve the quality and administration of school education during the year 2021; and
- (b) whether Himachal Pradesh is also included under the said project?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**  
**(SH. DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 304 ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023 REGARDING  
“AGREEMENT WITH WORLD BANK TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF SCHOOL  
EDUCATION” ASKED BY MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI, HON’BLE MEMBER OF  
PARLIAMENT**

(a) & (b): Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Project was approved by the Cabinet in October 2020, to be implemented as a centrally sponsored scheme by the Department of School Education & Literacy. After signing of the Loan Agreement with World Bank, the STARS Project became effective on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 for a period of five years i.e. up to FY: 2024-25. STARS is being implemented in six States which are Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala.

The total cost of the project is approximately Rs. 5718 crore, with US\$ 500 million (approximately Rs. 3700 crore) to be funded by the Central Government through World Bank and rest coming as State share from the participating States, over a period of 5 years. The fund sharing pattern is 90:10 for Himachal Pradesh and 60:40 for the other States i.e. Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala and Odisha.

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