

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2760
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018**

Model Schools in Backward Areas

2760. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

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

- (a) the action taken by the Government to start model schools in educationally backward blocks of various States, particularly, Bundelkhand;
- (b) whether any central financial assistance has been provided for the purpose during the last three years;
- (c) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any proposal to release more funds to State for excellent education and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

- (a) : The erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Model Schools envisaged setting up of one model school in each educationally backward block (EBBs) of the country as a benchmark of excellence. However, the scheme was delinked from the support of the Government of India with effect from 2015-16 and stands transferred to States/UTs in the light of higher devolution of funds to the States as recommended by the 14th Finance Commission.
- (b) : During 2014-15, an amount of Rs. 978.61 Crore was released to States/UTs under the scheme. No funds have been released during 2015-16 and 2016-17.
- (c) & (d) : Under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), States/UTs submit the proposals for grant of funds in their Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B). The Project Approval Board (PAB) in the Ministry approves the viable proposals as per norms of the scheme, on the basis of available funds in consultation with the states/UTs. Funds are released to the states/UTs during the year based on the approvals and progress made.
