

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5586
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018**

SDGs on Standard of Education

5586. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any step to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on ensuring quality and standard education in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of fund allotted and utilized during the last three years to achieve SDGs in the field of education in the country; and
- (c) the reasons for unutilized allocated funds during the said period?

A N S W E R

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

(a) to (c) The Goal-4 of Sustainable Development Goals is to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. The major emphasis is on access, equity and quality of education. All the major schemes of the Ministry viz. SarvaShikshaAbhiyaan (SSA), RashtriyaMadhyamikshikshaAbhiyaan (RMSA), Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme, Shakshar Bharat and RashtriyaUcchatarShikshaAbhiyaan (RUSA) are being implemented with the objectives of development of educational Infrastructure, emphasis on equal opportunities for all and ensuring quality & standard of education. A number of corrective steps have been taken by the Government to further improve the quality of education in the country. Some important measures are:

- I. Focusing on quality education, the Central RTE Rules have been amended on 20th February, 2017 to include reference on class-wise, subject-wise Learning Outcomes. These would serve as a guideline for States and UTs to ensure that all children acquire appropriate learning level. For the first time in November, 2017 National Achievement Surveys (NAS) was conducted for classes III, V and VIII to assess the learning outcomes of students in government and government aided schools on all subjects.
- II. The RTE Act, 2009 was amended in 2017 to ensure that all teachers acquire the minimum qualifications prescribed under the Act by 31st March, 2019. This would ensure an improvement in the overall quality of teachers and teaching processes, and consequently learning outcomes of children. Further, it reinforces the Government's emphasis on improvement of quality of elementary education.
- III. The Department is placing a lot of emphasis on the development and provision of e-content for students and also training of teachers, head masters and Principals.

- IV. Government is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme namely RashtriyaUchatterShikshaAbhiyaan (RUSA) with the aim of promoting access, equity and quality in higher education. Under RUSA, inter-alia, central assistance is provided to States for creation of model degree colleges, infrastructure grants to colleges and Universities, creation of Universities either through up gradationof existing autonomous colleges or clustering of colleges. Further, Higher Education FinancingAgency (HEFA) has been set up by the Government to mobilize funds from the market as per requirements of the centrally funded higher educational institutions.
- V. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has been constantly striving to develop a system of higher education of quality, appropriate to the national needs and aspirations and in tune with global trends. The Commission is committed to constant improvement of the quality of higher education and defining excellence in the processes of teaching, learning and research. In order to ensure quality of higher education is further streamlined, UGC has notified a number of regulations which are mandatory for every institution of higher education across the country.

Details of funds released and utilized under various schemes of Department of School Education & Literacy for the last 3 years is given in tablebelow:

Scheme –wise funds released and utilized during last 3 years

(Rs. In Crore)

Sr. No.	Name of Scheme	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
		Fund Released	Fund Utilized	Fund Released	Fund Utilized	Fund Released	Fund Utilized
1	SarvaShikshaAbhiyan – SSA	24030.16	24122.51	21590.14	21666.52	21657.45	21678.47
2	Mid-Day Meal- MDM	10465.21	11316.28	9132.31	9912.21	9478.61	9301.51
3	RashtriyaMadhyamik ShikshaAbhiyan - RMSA \$	3389.73	5407.33	3544.93	6878.67	3688.27	7712.79
4	Saakshar Bharat (Adult Education)	358.34	358.34	344.13	344.13	213.41	213.41
\$: Utilization includes State share and unspent balances of the previous years							
