

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2210
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH MARCH, 2021**

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

2210. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to immediately release the required amount for adjustment of advance amount of Rs. 491.78 crore released by the Tamil Nadu State Government till 31.03.2020 under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;
- (b) if so, the time by which the said amount is likely to be released; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) was operational till 2017-18. SSA was a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for supporting States and UTs inter alia for meeting the objectives of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. Section 7 of the RTE, Act 2009 defines the concurrent responsibility of the Central Government and the State Governments for providing funds for carrying out the provisions of this Act. No amount is due for release to the State Government of Tamil Nadu under erstwhile SSA.

Central share under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) was released to States and UTs including State of Tamil Nadu based on their approved Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B), norms of the scheme, General Financial Rules (GFR) and subject to availability of budget for the scheme during the year and physical and financial progress of the State. The year-wise releases of Central share to State Government of Tamil Nadu during 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, under SSA, are as under:

Financial Year	Central release (Rs. in crore)
2015-16	821.11
2016-17	821.11
2017-18	866.44

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has been subsumed in the Integrated scheme for School Education- Samagra Shiksha from 2018-19.

The year-wise releases of Central share under Samagra Shiksha to State Government of Tamil Nadu are as under:

Financial Year	Central release (Rs. in crore)
2018-19	1474.44
2019-20	1769.12
2020-21	1621.54*

** up to 28th February 2021*
