GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2523 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

Funds for Bihar Education Schemes

†2523. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated/ sanctioned/released to Bihar State under the various Education schemes of the Government during the last three years; and
- (b) the prescribed time limit to release such funds to various States, particularly to Bihar State?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under domain of respective State and UT Government. The Department of School Education and Literacy with effect from 2018-19 has launched an Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education- Samagra Shiksha. The scheme has now been aligned with the recommendations of NEP 2020 to ensure that all children have access to quality education with an equitable and inclusive classroom environment which should take care of their diverse background, multilingual needs, different academic abilities and make them active participants in the learning process.

Under Centrally Sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha financial assistance is provided as per the fund sharing pattern as decided by the Ministry of Finance. Under 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, 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.

The details of fund released under Samagra Shiksha to the State of Bihar for the last three years are as under:

(Rs. In lakhs)

F.Y.	Central Share Releases
2019-20	326693.12
2020-21	282822.81
2021-22	340608.45
