

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1279
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd May, 2016**

Free Text Books under SSA

†1279. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

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

- (a) the details of the funds allocated by the Government to provide free text books to the students under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during the last three years, State/ UT-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether any criteria has been formulated for the distribution of text books and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the text books are being procured from the private publishers also apart from the NCERT;
- (d) whether the text books provided by the private publishers fulfil the fixed criteria; and
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)**

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, mandates free and compulsory education for all children in Government schools. In pursuance of this Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) supports provision for textbooks to all children in Government/local body and Government aided schools, including Madrasa desirous of introducing State curriculum, within the upper ceiling of Rs. 150/- per child at primary level and Rs. 250/- at upper primary level. States that have been providing textbooks to children under State sector scheme and budget since 2007-08 will continue to fund textbooks provided from the State plan. Details of funds allocated by the Government to provide free text books to the students under SSA during the last three years, State/UT wise and year-wise is at Annexure.

(c) & (d): Education is in the Concurrent List and the majority of schools are under the purview of State Governments/ UT Administrations. It is for the States and UTs to take appropriate action in the matter of regulating the provision of textbooks to the children under their jurisdiction. Some States have either adopted or adapted the National Council for Educational Research Training books while other States have developed their own textbooks as per the guidelines of the National Curriculum Framework-2005 which are published by the Government press or private publisher.

(e): No, Madam.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1279 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.05.2016 ASKED BY SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI REGARDING “FREE TEXT BOOKS UNDER SSA”.

Details on approval of Free Text Book under SSA

Sl. No.	State	Distribution of Free Text Book					
		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
		Phy.	Fin (In Lakhs)	Phy.	Fin (In Lakhs)	Phy.	Fin (In Lakhs)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	0.00	3003	5.70	3136	6.25
3	Arunachal Pradesh	261690	473.20	247342	450.71	245062	447.27
4	Assam	2874517	5345.68	3065204	5622.54	3036179	5575.96
5	Bihar	19372566	33813.85	20304755	36444.03	20678916	37367.90
6	Chandigarh	76221	145.60	104528	199.56	108432	208.15
7	Chhattisgarh	2933490	4892.89	2780837	5198.91	2690193	5045.79
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1783	3.34	0	0.00	0	0.00
9	Daman & Diu	15505	29.20	0	29.97	15251	28.78
10	Delhi	412548	1031.37	393918	984.39	414993	1037.08
11	Goa	137131	277.47	136062	274.92	136650	273.03
12	Gujarat	695529	1738.82	728863	1811.25	785519	1954.80
13	Haryana	2071283	3834.21	2036864	3819.67	1958029	3683.65
14	HP	372719	714.95	353893	680.36	337588	651.01
15	J&K	753330	3007.92	723258	1435.75	697578	1374.58
16	Jharkhand	4036020	7234.88	3933597	7044.27	3811632	6858.54
17	Karnataka	1717795	1724.02	967403	1656.75	986715	1726.12
18	Kerala	2521052	5044.06	2434083	4882.46	2350266	4697.23
19	Lakshadweep	0	0.00	3	0.01	0	0.00
20	Madhya Pradesh	10083524	17902.77	9605372	17789.94	8850199	16550.44
21	Maharashtra	12842102	24225.31	12525447	23713.76	12386001	23538.26
22	Manipur	237475	398.04	240747	405.84	226490	384.44
23	Meghalaya	581289	1035.36	589263	1055.99	599223	1079.81
24	Mizoram	171075	329.12	134510	246.33	119094	219.98
25	Nagaland	194386	342.04	191989	338.52	165666	294.53
26	Odisha	4718561	8756.11	4416599	8156.44	4388183	8155.45
27	Puducherry	87	0.18	0	0.00	33	0.06
28	Punjab	796393	1532.28	768418	1468.18	787432	1513.91
29	Rajasthan	471550	1082.57	464005	1157.97	452842	1129.59
30	Sikkim	91773	172.96	85678	164.91	77382	150.73
31	Tamil Nadu	0	0.00	0	0.00	1710	3.42
32	Telangana			2379	4.44	3440	6.78
33	Tripura	480450	898.27	518145	964.67	504124	941.96
34	UP	14012396	25202.26	13840058	19960.69	13301637	18640.89
35	Uttarakhand	643118	1226.48	620613	1090.82	593790	1140.45
36	West Bengal	4991524	12456.94	4966381	12394.82	4614743	11523.29
	Total	88568882	164872.16	87183217	159454.54	85328128	156210.12