

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**DEMAND NO. 56****Department of School Education and Literacy**

A. The Budget allocations, net of recoveries, are given below:

		<i>(In crores of Rupees)</i>								
Major Head	Budget 2006-2007			Revised 2006-2007			Budget 2007-2008			
	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	
Revenue	17128.00	4.71	17132.71	17128.00	5.00	17133.00	22191.00	951.22	23142.22	
Capital	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	17128.00	4.71	17132.71	17128.00	5.00	17133.00	22191.00	951.22	23142.22	
1. Secretariat-Social Services	2251	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
General Education										
Elementary Education										
2. Strengthening of Teachers Training Institutions	2202	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	...	1.00	
	2251	0.30	...	0.30	0.30	...	0.30	...	0.30	
	3601	154.70	...	154.70	154.70	...	428.70	...	428.70	
	3602	6.00	...	6.00	6.00	...	20.00	...	20.00	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>162.00</i>	...	<i>162.00</i>	<i>162.00</i>	...	<i>450.00</i>	...	<i>450.00</i>	
3. Mahila Samakhya	2202	29.85	...	29.85	25.85	...	33.85	...	33.85	
	2251	0.15	...	0.15	0.15	...	0.15	...	0.15	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>30.00</i>	...	<i>30.00</i>	<i>26.00</i>	...	<i>34.00</i>	...	<i>34.00</i>	
4. National Bal Bhawan, New Delhi	2202	5.40	2.61	8.01	5.40	2.94	8.34	6.30	3.00	9.30
5. District Primary Education Programme(EAP)	2202	197.91	...	197.91	97.91	...	77.91	...	77.91	
	2251	2.09	...	2.09	2.09	...	2.09	...	2.09	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>200.00</i>	...	<i>200.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	...	<i>80.00</i>	...	<i>80.00</i>	
6. Nutritional Support to Primary Education(MDM)	2202	463.39	...	463.39	463.39	...	579.30	...	579.30	
	2251	10.50	...	10.50	10.50	...	10.50	...	10.50	
	3601	1391.61	...	1391.61	1420.34	...	2556.30	...	2556.30	
	3602	32.70	...	32.70	3.97	...	45.50	...	45.50	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>1898.20</i>	...	<i>1898.20</i>	<i>1898.20</i>	...	<i>3191.60</i>	...	<i>3191.60</i>	
7. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA)	2202	4210.68	...	4210.68	4314.68	...	2767.24	...	2767.24	
	2251	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3601	0.01	...	0.01	0.01	...	0.01	...	0.01	
	3602	0.01	...	0.01	0.01	...	0.01	...	0.01	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>4210.70</i>	...	<i>4210.70</i>	<i>4314.70</i>	...	<i>2767.26</i>	...	<i>2767.26</i>	
8. Transfer to Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK)	2202	8746.00	...	8746.00	8746.00	...	10393.00	...	10393.00	
9. Schemes financed from Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK)										
9.1. Nutritional Support to Primary Education(MDM)	2202	729.00	...	729.00	729.00	...	1307.30	...	1307.30	
	2251	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3601	2186.00	...	2186.00	2186.00	...	2092.70	...	2092.70	
	3602	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	<i>Total</i>	<i>2915.00</i>	...	<i>2915.00</i>	<i>2915.00</i>	...	<i>3400.00</i>	...	<i>3400.00</i>	
9.2. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA)	2202	5831.00	...	5831.00	5831.00	...	6993.00	...	6993.00	
	2251	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3601	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3602	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	<i>Total</i>	<i>5831.00</i>	...	<i>5831.00</i>	<i>5831.00</i>	...	<i>6993.00</i>	...	<i>6993.00</i>	
<i>Amount met from Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK)</i>	2202	-6560.00	...	-6560.00	-6560.00	...	-8300.30	...	-8300.30	
	2251	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3601	-2186.00	...	-2186.00	-2186.00	...	-2092.70	...	-2092.70	
	3602	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	<i>Total</i>	<i>-8746.00</i>	...	<i>-8746.00</i>	<i>-8746.00</i>	...	<i>-10393.00</i>	...	<i>-10393.00</i>	
10. National Council of Teacher Education	2202	0.45	...	0.45	0.45	...	9.00	...	9.00	
11. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya	2202	115.20	...	115.20	115.20	...	...	...	...
	3601	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3602	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	<i>Total</i>	<i>115.20</i>	...	<i>115.20</i>	<i>115.20</i>	...	...	...	...
<i>Total Elementary Education</i>		<i>15367.95</i>	<i>2.61</i>	<i>15370.56</i>	<i>15367.95</i>	<i>2.94</i>	<i>16931.16</i>	<i>3.00</i>	<i>16934.16</i>	
<i>Secondary Education</i>										
12. National Council of Educational Research & Training*	2202	...	...	...	...	...	36.00	61.95	97.95
13. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan*	2202	...	...	...	...	...	270.00	692.30	962.30
14. Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti *	2202	...	...	...	...	...	639.00	173.40	812.40
15. Information & Communication Technology in Schools *	2202	31.00	...	31.00	
	3601	190.80	...	190.80	
	3602	2.80	...	2.80	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>224.60</i>	...	<i>224.60</i>	

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		(In crores of Rupees)								
Major Head		Budget 2006-2007			Revised 2006-2007			Budget 2007-2008		
		Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
16.	Integrated Education for Disabled Children*	2202	...	...	...	...	...	4.00	...	4.00
		3601	...	...	...	...	...	100.00	...	100.00
		3602	...	...	...	...	...	4.00	...	4.00
	<i>Total</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	108.00	...	108.00
17.	National Institute of Open Schooling*	2202	...	...	...	...	...	6.00	...	6.00
18.	Access and Equity*	2202	...	...	...	...	...	9.00	...	9.00
		3601	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		3602	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	<i>Total</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.00	...	9.00
19.	Central Tibetan Schools Society Administration*	2202	...	...	...	...	...	6.00	16.35	22.35
20.	Vocationalisation of Education*	2202	...	...	...	...	...	3.20	...	3.20
		3601	...	...	...	...	...	14.00	...	14.00
		3602	...	...	...	...	...	0.80	...	0.80
	<i>Total</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.00	...	18.00
21.	Scheme for Universal Access & Quality at the Secondary Stage (SUCCESS)	2202	...	...	...	...	...	2.50	...	2.50
		3601	...	...	...	...	...	1149.10	...	1149.10
		3602	...	...	...	...	...	22.00	...	22.00
	<i>Total</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	1173.60	...	1173.60
22.	National Scheme for Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (SUCCESS)	2202	...	...	...	...	...	0.02	...	0.02
		3601	...	...	...	...	...	0.85	...	0.85
		3602	...	...	...	...	...	0.03	...	0.03
	<i>Total</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.90	...	0.90
23.	Special Navodaya Vidyalayas	2202	...	...	...	...	...	247.48	...	247.48
		3601	...	...	...	...	...	0.01	...	0.01
		3602	...	...	...	...	...	0.01	...	0.01
	<i>Total</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	247.50	...	247.50
24.	National Merit Scholarship Scheme (OSC)	2202	...	...	...	...	...	1.20	...	1.20
		3601	...	...	...	...	...	106.00	...	106.00
		3602	...	...	...	...	...	0.80	...	0.80
	<i>Total</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	108.00	...	108.00
25.	Other Programmes *	2202	...	...	...	...	...	1.00	2.00	3.00
	<i>Total-Secondary Education</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	2847.60	946.00	3793.60
	<i>Adult Education</i>									
26.	Adult Education & Skill Development Scheme	2202	...	...	...	...	...	289.80	...	289.80
27.	Support to NGOs/Institutions/ SRCs for Adult. Education & Skill Development	2202	...	...	...	...	...	65.70	...	65.70
28.	Support to NGO's in the field of Adult Education	2202	6.30	...	6.30	19.40	...	19.40	...	...
29.	Continuing Education for Neo-Literates	2202	134.54	...	134.54	121.45	...	121.45	...	...
		3601	0.01	...	0.01	...	...	...	...	...
	<i>Total</i>	...	134.55	...	134.55	121.45	...	121.45	...	...
30.	Literacy Campaigns and Operation Restoration	2202	27.00	...	27.00	24.50	...	24.50	...	...
31.	Directorate of Adult Education	2202	7.20	1.67	8.87	7.20	1.65	8.85	...	1.78
32.	National Literacy Mission Authority	2202	0.35	0.07	0.42	0.39	0.06	0.45	4.64	0.07
		2251	0.55	...	0.55	0.51	...	0.51	0.76	...
	<i>Total</i>	...	0.90	0.07	0.97	0.90	0.06	0.96	5.40	0.07
33.	Shramik Vidyapeeths (Jan Shikhan Sansthan)	2202	36.00	...	36.00	38.50	...	38.50	...	...
34.	Other Programmes	2202	...	0.36	0.36	...	0.35	0.35	...	0.37
	<i>Total - Adult Education</i>	...	211.95	2.10	214.05	211.95	2.06	214.01	360.90	2.22
35.	Provision for Projects/Schemes for the Benefit of NE Areas and Sikkim									
	<i>Elementary Education</i>									
35.1	Strengthening of Teachers Training Institutions	2552	18.00	...	18.00	18.00	...	18.00	50.00	...
35.2	National Bal Bhawan, New Delhi	2552	0.60	...	0.60	0.60	...	0.60	0.70	...
35.3	Nutritional Support to Primary Education(MDM)	2552	534.80	...	534.80	534.80	...	534.80	732.40	...

(In crores of Rupees)										
Major Head	Budget 2006-2007			Revised 2006-2007			Budget 2007-2008			
	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	
35.4 Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan	2552	958.30	...	958.30	958.30	...	958.30	910.74	...	910.74
35.5 National Council of Teacher Education	2552	0.05	...	0.05	0.05	...	0.05	1.00	...	1.00
35.6 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya	2552	12.80	...	12.80	12.80	...	12.80	...	...	...
<i>Total - Elementary Education</i>		1524.55	...	1524.55	1524.55	...	1524.55	1694.84	...	1694.84
<i>Secondary Education</i>										
35.7 National Council of Educational Research & Training*	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.00	...	4.00
35.8 Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan*	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.00	...	30.00
35.9 Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti *	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	71.00	...	71.00
35.10 Information & Communication Technology in Schools*	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	25.40	...	25.40
35.11 Integrated Education for Disabled Children*	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.00	...	12.00
35.12 National Institute of Open Schooling*	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35.13 Access and Equity*	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00	...	1.00
35.14 Central Tibetan Schools Society Administration*	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35.15 Vocationalisation of Education*	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.00	...	2.00
35.16 Scheme for Universal Access & Quality at the Secondary Stage (SUCCESS)	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	131.40	...	131.40
35.17 National Scheme for Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (SUCCESS)	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.10	...	0.10
35.18 Special Navodaya Vidyalayas	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	27.50	...	27.50
35.19 National Merit Scholarship Scheme (OSC)	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.00	...	12.00
35.20 Other Programmes *	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Total-Secondary Education</i>		...	...	...	...	...	...	316.40	...	316.40
<i>Adult Education</i>										
35.21. Adult Education & Skill Development Scheme	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	32.20	...	32.20
35.22. Support to NGOs/Institutions/ SRCs for Adult. Education & Skill Development	2552	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.30	...	7.30
35.23 Support to NGO's in the field of Adult Education	2552	0.70	...	0.70	1.50	...	1.50	...	...	...
35.24 Continuing Education for Neo-Literates	2552	14.95	...	14.95	14.15	...	14.15	...	...	...
35.25 Literacy Campaigns and Operation Restoration	2552	3.00	...	3.00	3.00	...	3.00	...	...	...
35.26 Directorate of Adult Education	2552	0.80	...	0.80	0.80	...	0.80	...	...	...
35.27 National Literacy Mission Authority	2552	0.10	...	0.10	0.10	...	0.10	0.60	...	0.60
35.28 Shramik Vidyapeeths (Jan Shikhan Sansthan)	2552	4.00	...	4.00	4.00	...	4.00	...	...	...
<i>Total-Adult Education</i>		23.55	...	23.55	23.55	...	23.55	40.10	...	40.10
Grant Total of NER Provision		1548.10	...	1548.10	1548.10	...	1548.10	2051.34	...	2051.34
Grand Total		17128.00	4.71	17132.71	17128.00	5.00	17133.00	22191.00	951.22	23142.22
* Schemes transferred from Department of Higher Education										
C. Plan Outlay	Head of Dev	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total
Central Plan										
1. General Education	22202	15579.90	...	15579.90	15579.90	...	15579.90	20139.66	...	20139.66
2. Secretariat-Social Services	22251	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. North Eastern Areas	22552	1548.10	...	1548.10	1548.10	...	1548.10	2051.34	...	2051.34
Total -Central Plan		17128.00	...	17128.00	17128.00	...	17128.00	22191.00	...	22191.00

1. **Secretariat:** Provides for Secretariat expenditure.

2. **Strengthening of Teachers Training Institutions:** A centrally-sponsored scheme of Restructuring and Reorganization of Teacher Education was launched in 1987 to create a sound institutional infrastructure for pre-service and in-service training of elementary and secondary school teachers and for provision of academic resource support to elementary and secondary schools. The scheme had, inter-alia, the following components for which Central Government has been providing financial assistance to States:

- (i) Setting up of District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) for elementary teachers;
- (ii) Strengthening of Secondary Teachers Education Institutions into Colleges of Teacher Education (CTEs) and Institutes of Advanced Study in Education (IASEs)
- (iii) Strengthening of State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs);

Central assistance is extended to States/UTs for civil works, purchase of equipment, pay and allowances, training and research programmes, etc.

Since the inception of the scheme in 1987, a total of 568 DIETs/DRCs and 135 CTEs / IASEs had been sanctioned upto 31.12.2006 under the scheme.

The total budget allocation made for the scheme in the BE 2007-08 is Rs.500.00 crores

3. **Mahila Samakhyia Programme:** The Mahila Samakhyia (MS) Scheme was started in pursuance of the objectives enshrined in the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 to initiate a programme for the education and empowerment of women in rural areas, particularly those from socially and economically marginalized groups. The scheme is currently being implemented in 83 districts of nine States namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal. The programme is further being extended to Madhya Pradesh and Chhatisgarh. The 10th Plan budgetary outlay for the scheme was Rs.98.48 crore. The outlay for the 1st year of the 11th Plan viz. 2007-08 is Rs.34.00 crore.

4. **National Bal Bhawan, New Delhi:** National Bal Bhawan (NBB), New Delhi established by the Government of India in 1956 at the initiative of Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, is an autonomous body fully financed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of School Education & Literacy. National Bal Bhawan has been contributing towards achieving creativity amongst children in the age group of 5 -16 years, especially those from weaker sections of the society. Children pursue a variety of activities such as Physical Education, Creative Arts, Science Education, Literacy Activities, Performing Arts, Photography, Home Management, Publication, Museum Techniques, etc. in a joyful manner. Programmes are so designed as to explore the talents and potential of children and give them opportunities for self expression. National Bal Bhawan thus aims at the all-round growth of children in a free and happy atmosphere, and helps them develop a scientific temper.

5. **District Primary Education Programme:** The scheme takes a holistic view of primary education development and seeks to operationalise the strategy for Universalisation of Elementary Education. Due to progressive completion of DPEP projects, the scheme is in operation now in only 2 states covering 17 districts. Presently, about 1557 new primary school buildings, 4908 toilets in new school buildings, 3756 drinking water facilities,

4345 additional class rooms, 58606 new teachers have been provided and 6645 repair works carried out. DPEP is funded with external assistance from World Bank, DFID and UNICEF, which goes towards resourcing Government of India scheme by 85%. The States' share is 15%.

6. **The National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education: (NP-NSPE)**

The National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (NP-NSPE), popularly called Mid-Day Meal Scheme covers children studying at Primary stage in Govt., Govt. aided, Local Body and Centres run under Education Guarantee Scheme / Alternative & Innovative Education. The scheme was last revised in June, 2006 under which a provision of cooked mid-day meal having nutritional value of minimum 450 calories with 8-12 grams of protein has been envisaged. About 12 crore children enrolled at primary stage availed mid-day meal in 2006-07. Following components of central assistance are being provided to States/UTs: -

- (i) Free food grains @100 gms. per child per school day.
- (ii) Transport subsidy.
- (iii) Central assistance to meet cooking cost @ Rs.1.50 per child per school day for other NER States/UTs and Rs. 1.80 for NER States.
- (iv) Assistance for Management, Monitoring and Evaluation activities.
- (v) Assistance for construction of kitchen shed.
- (vi) Assistance for kitchen devices, and
- (vii) Assistance for implementing the Programme during summer vacations in drought-affected areas as notified by the States.

2. All States/UTs are implementing the programme and are also contributing their resources to add value and variety to the mid-day meal. In addition to the recurring assistance, funds for construction of 94,500 kitchen sheds and kitchen devices for 2.60 lakh schools have been sanctioned in 2006-07. With the success achieved in the programme at the primary stage, during 2007-08, it is proposed to extend the programme to upper primary stage in 3247 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBB).

7. **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA):** The SSA is the national flagship programme of Government of India in partnership with the State /UT Governments and seeks to operationalise the strategy for universal elementary education in the country. The programme started with a sharing pattern of 75:25 between the centre and the States/UTs. The programme seeks to open new schools in uncovered habitations, augment school infrastructure through provision of additional classrooms, toilets, drinking water, maintenance grant, school grant etc. During 2006-07, the Project Approval Board of SSA approved opening of 66273 schools, appointment of 236085 additional teachers, construction of 60855 school buildings, 357939 additional classrooms, 5634 toilets and 6438 drinking water facilities. Maintenance grants have been provided for 880203 schools and School grants for 1063679 schools. Recognizing the need for a concerted effort in improving the quality and increased focus on the girl child and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya has been merged with SSA from 2007-08.

SSA is partially funded by external funding agencies like World Bank, DFID of UK and the European Commission. The allocation for 2007-08 for SSA includes external funding of Rs.1567 crore.

8. Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh: Following the imposition of the Education Cess @ 2% on all major Central Taxes through the Finance (No.2) Act, 2004, Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK) was established with effect from 14.11.2005 as a dedicated non-lapsable fund to receive the proceeds of the Education Cess. An amount of Rs. 10,393 crore will be transferred to the Kosh during 2007-08. The amount is used for mainly funding SSA/MDM.

10. National Council for Teacher Education: The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) was established by an Act of Parliament in August, 1995. NCTE Act provides for achieving planned and coordinated development of teacher education and regulation and proper maintenance of norms and standards in teacher education in the country. The provision has been made to enable NCTE to construct its own office accommodation.

11. This scheme stands merged with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan from 2007-08.

12. National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT): National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was set up by the Government of India in 1961 as an autonomous organization registered under Societies Registration Act (Act XXI of 1860) to advise and assist the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and Departments of Education in States/UTs in formulation and implementation of their policies and major programmes including finalization of National Curriculum Framework (NCF) in the field of Education particularly for qualitative improvement in School Education.

13. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS): Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan was set up in 1965, as a registered body, wholly financed by Government to establish, control and manage Kendriya Vidyalayas, the main objective of which is to meet the educational needs of the children of transferable Central Government employees. During 2006-07, opening of 50 new schools has been approved by the Government of India.

14. Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS): In pursuance of National Policy on Education (NPE)- 1986 (as modified in 1992) on setting up of pace setting residential schools where good quality education could be imparted to the talented children from rural areas, a central scheme was launched by the Government of India in 1986 to set up Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in each districts of the country. These JNVs are run by an autonomous organization, the Navodaya Vidyalayas Samiti (NVS) established in 1986 under Registration of Societies Act, 1860.

15. Information and Communication Technology in Schools (ICT in Schools): The centrally sponsored scheme of Information and Communication Technology in schools (ICT @ Schools) was introduced by merging the existing schemes of Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) and Educational Technology (ET) with a view to promote computerization in the government and government aided Secondary & Higher Secondary Schools with particular emphasis on rural sector to bridge the digital divide between the rural & urban areas. The present scheme has essentially four components. The first one is the partnership with the State Governments and Union Territories Administrations' for providing computer-aided education to Secondary & Higher Secondary Government and Government aided Schools. The second is the establishment of SMART schools, which shall be the Technology Demonstrators. Universalisation of Computer Literacy through the network of KVS and NVS to neighboring schools is the third component. The fourth components relates to the activities of SIETs. Under the CLASS component of the ICT scheme, the

Union Government provides 75% of financial assistance to State/UTs. The balance 25% of funds is contributed by the State Governments/UTs. The scheme also provides for contribution of 25% of funds from the MPLAD scheme in addition or as an alternative to State Government contribution. Assistance is provided to special category states in the ratio 90:10. The scheme is presently under revision.

16. Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC): The centrally-sponsored scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC) was launched in 1974. The scheme provides educational opportunities to disabled children in common schools to facilitate their integration and ultimate retention in the general school system. The scheme is being implemented through the Education Departments of State Governments and UT Administration as well as through Non-Governmental Organizations under the scheme. The scheme is presently under revision.

17. National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS): The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), earlier called National Open School (NOS) was established in 1989. Main objective of NIOS is to provide distance education through its academic, life enrichment and vocational courses and programmes from primary to pre-degree level. It provides education through an open learning system at school stage as an alternative to the formal system.

18. Access and Equity: The scheme was launched in the year 1993-94 under which financial assistance is provided to the societies and NGOs to provide boarding and hostel facilities to the girls pursuing education at Secondary and Higher Secondary stage predominantly belonging to the rural, desert and hilly areas, particularly those belonging to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and educationally backward minorities. The scheme is proposed to be merged in the scheme for Universal Access and Quality at the Secondary Stage (SUCCESS) under formulation. Meanwhile, only pending liabilities are being discharged.

19. Central Tibetan Schools Administration: Central Tibetan Schools Administration (CTSA) was established as an Autonomous organization in the year 1961. The main objective of the CTSA is to provide free education to the children of Tibetan refugees scattered in different remote areas in our country. CTSA has 79 schools.

20. Vocationalisation of Education : As envisaged in the National Education Policy, 1986 the vocationalisation of secondary education provides for diversification of educational opportunities so as to enhance individual employability, reduce the mismatch between demand and supply of skilled manpower to provide an alternative for those pursuing higher education. Under the scheme job oriented courses at + 2 level are being provided in the areas of Agriculture, Business & Commerce Engineering and Technology, Home Science, Health and Paramedical, Social Sciences, Humanities, etc.

The existing scheme is proposed to be revised during the 11th Five Year Plan. Pending that, a budget allocation of only Rs.20 crore is proposed to take care of the outstanding liabilities.

21. Scheme for Universal Access and Quality at Secondary Stage (SUCCESS): As a follow-up to the implementation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) leading to a massive increase in the number of students completing upper primary level, it has been felt necessary to meet the increased demand for access to Secondary Education. Accordingly, it is proposed to launch during the 11th Plan a new scheme for

Universal Access and Quality at Secondary Stage (SUCCESS). Details of the scheme are under formulation. A provision of Rs. 1305 crore (inclusive of allocation for NER) has been made for 2007-08.

22. National Scheme for Incentive to the Girl child for Secondary Education (SUCCESS): Pursuant to the announcement made by the Finance Minister while presenting the budget for 2006-07, a scheme is under formulation for providing incentives to girls for secondary education. Accordingly, a token provision of Rs. 1.00 crore inclusive of allocation for NER has been made for the year 2007-08.

23. Special Navodaya Vidyalayas : In order to cater to the educational needs of economically and socially backward classes Government has proposed to set up special Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in SC/ ST dominated districts with an initial allocation of Rs. 275 crore in the first year of 11th Plan.

24. National Merit Scholarship Scheme (OSC) : The Oversight Committee (OSC) set up to look into the aspects relating to implementation of 27% reservation for OBCs in institutions of higher learning and assessment of additional infrastructure for increasing the overall availability of seats had dwelt on the need for establishment of a goal of "inclusive society, in pursuit of excellence". The OSC had inter-alia recommended introduction of National Merit Scholarship scheme for 100,000 SC/ ST, OBC and economically backward class students through Class IX- XII. Accordingly, a new merit scholarship scheme is proposed to be launched during the 11th Plan period. An allocation of Rs.120 crore inclusive of allocation for NER has been made for 2007-08.

25. Other Programmes: These include provision for (a) support to the Joint Indo-Mongolia School at Ulaanbaatar, and (b) National Awards to Teachers.

26. Adult Education & Skill Development Scheme : The existing schemes of Literacy Campaigns & Operation Restoration and Continuing Education for Neo- Literates have been merged into one single scheme of Adult Education & Skill Development that will cover both the existing schemes with an outlay of Rs. 322 crore inclusive of allocation for NER. At present, TLCs and PLP are being implemented in 101 districts and 171 districts respectively. Similarly, Continuing Education Programmes are presently being implemented in 325 districts of the country. The State Governments will provide their

contributions for implementation of these programmes as per the approved pattern of funding.

27. Support to NGOs/ Institutions/ SRCs for Adult Education & Skill Development : This new scheme assimilates the two existing schemes of support to NGOs in the field of Adult Education and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS). A provision of Rs. 73 crore (inclusive of allocation for NER) has been made. Under the scheme, financial support will be provided to NGOs for imparting literacy to adult non-literates in the age group of 15-35 years. The State Resource Centres (SRCs) managed by the NGOs will receive support under this programme. At present, there are 26 SRCs receiving assistance from the Government of India.

Assistance will also be provided to NGOs for setting up Jan Shikshan Sansthans, a programme aimed to provide polyvalent or multi-faceted adult education programme by improving the vocational skills and quality of life of its beneficiaries. It concentrates on the socio-economically backward and educationally disadvantaged groups of urban/rural population, such as neo-literates, semi literates, SCs, STs, women and girls, slum dwellers, migrant workers, etc. The activities of some of the better performing Jan Shikshan Sansthans have been extended to cover the neighbouring districts. Under the scheme, Central Government provides 100% financial assistance for setting up of Jan Shikshan Sansthans. So far, 194 JSSs have been sanctioned in the country.

31. Directorate of Adult Education: Directorate of Adult Education (DAE) has been functioning as the National Resource Center in the field of Adult Education. The Directorate was set up as subordinate office of the Department of Elementary Education & Literacy under the Ministry of Human Resource Development to provide academic and technical resource support to various governmental and non-government agencies implementing Adult Education Programme in the country. The DAE is fully funded by the Central Govt.

32. National Literacy Mission Authority (NLMA): National Literacy Mission Authority was set up in 1988 as an autonomous and independent wing of the Department of Elementary Education & Literacy for implementation of the programmes of the National Literacy Mission. The National Literacy Mission is being broad based with I.T. application for e-Governance, media related activities, research activities, international conferences, publications etc.