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Right to Education and Mewat Region of Haryana

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"The RTE Act is the first legislation in the world that puts the responsibility of ensuring enrolment, attendance, and completion on the Government. It is the parents' responsibility to send the children to schools in the US and other countries."

-Sam Carlson, World Bank Specialist in India.

INTRODUCTION

With the coming of Right to Education in force, India becomes one of the 135 countries on 1st April 2010 to make education a fundamental right of every child. The act describes modalities of the importance of free and compulsory education for children between 6 and 14 in India under Article 21a of the Indian Constitution¹. The Act lays down specific responsibilities for the centre, state, and local bodies for its implementation. The states have been clamouring that they lack financial capacity to deliver education of appropriate standard in all the schools needed for universal education. Thus, it was clear that the central government will be required to subsidise the states.

In April 2010, the central government agreed to sharing the funding for implementing the law in the