

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ACCESS TO SECONDARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has prepared any scheme to set up secondary schools within five km and higher secondary schools within seven to 10 km to provide easy access of education to the students as reported in the Hindu dated February 15,2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by when the universalisation of access to secondary education is likely to be made;
- (d) whether the expansion of secondary education would involve, upgradation of physical infrastructure; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

- (a) to (e) Central Government has decided to implement a centrally sponsored scheme for universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of education at secondary stage during the 11th Five Year Plan. The objective of the scheme is to make secondary education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all young persons by providing one secondary school within 5 kilometer of every habitation. The proposed scheme envisages:
- (i) provision of necessary infrastructure and resources in the secondary education sector to create higher capacity in secondary schools in the country, and for improvement in quality of learning in the schools;
 - (ii) provision for filling the missing gaps in the existing secondary schools system;
 - (iii) provision of extra support for education of girls, rural children and students belonging to SC/ST, minority and other weaker sections of the society; and
 - (iv) a holistic convergent framework for implementation of various schemes in secondary education. Some of the major components of the proposed scheme are,
 - (i) new schools buildings,
 - (ii) additional rooms including classrooms, laboratories, computer room, library room, toilet etc.,
 - (iii) teaching -learning aids,
 - (iv) School grant
 - (v) teachers` in service training
 - (vi) additional teachers,
 - (vii) research and innovation,
 - (viii) curricular reforms and (ix) Examinations reforms etc.