

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:108  
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RAISING ENROLMENT RATE AT SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a decline has been noticed in the transition rate from the upper primary to the secondary levels in schools in many States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;
- (c) the present status of launching of the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan aimed at universalising secondary education; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Union Government to raise secondary school enrolment across the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.108 DUE FOR REPLY ON 24.2.2009 REGARDING 'RAISING ENROLMENT RATE AT SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL' BY SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL AND SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO

- (a) & (b) As per the figures in the Selected Educational Statistics for the relevant years, the transition rates from class VIII to IX, for 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 were 88.5%, 88.5% and 86.4% respectively. The State wise figures of transition rate are annexed.
- (c) The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs in January, 2009.
- (d) The following are some of the measures taken by the Central Government to raise secondary school enrolment across the country:
  - (i) 11th Plan allocation for secondary education has been enhanced to Rs.53,550 crore from Rs.4,325 crore during the 10th Plan,
  - (ii) Under the Centrally Sponsored scheme 'Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan', there is a provision for opening of new secondary schools, strengthening of existing secondary schools and improvement of pupil teacher ratio to cater to additional enrolment.
  - (iii) A new centrally sponsored scheme to establish one high quality model school in each block of the country to serve as schools of excellence has been launched in 2008-09.
  - (iv) A new centrally sponsored scheme to set up girls' hostels in about 3,500 educationally backward blocks has been launched in 2008-09.
  - (v) A National Merit-c urn-Means Scholarships Scheme for awarding of 1 lakh scholarships to Class 9 students every year @ Rs.6000 per year has been launched in 2008-09.
  - (vi) A 'National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education', to provide a one time financial incentive mainly for SC & ST girls joining class 9 has been launched in 2008-09.
  - (vii) Under the scheme 'Integrated Education for Disabled Children', financial assistance is provided to mainstream the disabled children in regular schools,
  - (viii) The Centrally sponsored scheme 'Information & Communication Technology (TCT) in Schools' is meant to provide ICT infrastructure and resources and internet connectivity in Government and Government-aided secondary and higher secondary schools in the country to facilitate, inter alia, ICT enabled education.