

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to upgrade Primary and Secondary schools throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status of the proposal, State-wise; and
- (c) the amount likely to be spent under this programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is an ongoing scheme for the universalization of elementary education. It provides for, inter-alia, up-gradation of existing primary schools to upper primary level. For the purpose of up- gradation 3 additional classrooms, 3 teachers and Rs.5000 for teaching learning equipment are provided. The State-wise sanction of upper primary schools under SSA in 2009-10 is in Annexure. Rs.13100 crore has been provided in 2009-10 for the implementation of the SSA.

The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), inter alia, provides for upgradation of upper primary schools to secondary level and strengthening of existing government secondary schools. The scheme is in its first year of its implementation. So far as 218 schools in Chhattisgarh, 23 in Mizoram, 70 in Punjab and 200 schools in Tamil Nadu have been sanctioned under RMSA and a sum of Rs.138.47 crore has been released to these States.