

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHOOLS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of schools in rural areas as compared to urban areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (c) the funds allocated and spent in this regard during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for opening primary schools within one kilometer of the habitation as per State norms. Upper primary schools are opened as per requirement based on the number of children completing primary education upto a ceiling of one upper primary school for every two primary schools as per State policy without any distinction between urban and rural areas.

SSA outlay for the 11th Plan is Rs.71000 crore.

In the Secondary Education sector, two new centrally sponsored schemes namely "Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan" (RMSA) and "Setting up of 6000 Model Schools at Block Level as benchmark of excellence", have been launched during the XIth Five Year Plan. RMSA envisages setting up of new secondary schools, so as to provide one secondary school within 5 kilometers of every habitation. Under the "Scheme for setting up of 6000 Model Schools at Block Level as benchmark of excellence", it has been decided, in the first phase, to set up of 2500 schools in educationally backward blocks (EBBs).

(c): The funds allocated and the expenditure under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for the last three years and the current year is as under:

	Rs. in lakhs	
Year	GOI Releases	Expenditure
	(including state share)	
2006-07	1083719.91	1477929.69
2007-08	1143203.94	1556557.24
2008-09	1261120.41	1905652.36
2009-10	1206700.83	1363701.71
	(as on 16.2.2010)	(as on 31.12.2009)

Against a Revised Estimate of Rs.550.00 crore for RMSA for the year 2009-10, Rs.148.65 crore has been released to 5 States/UTs so far for implementation of Annual Plan proposals, which include more than 500 new schools.

Under the Scheme of "Setting up of 6000 Model Schools at Block Level as benchmark of excellence" Rs.215.03 crore has been released to 7 States/UTs out of the Revised Estimate of Rs.280.00 crore for the year 2009-10.

No funds were sanctioned under the above two schemes prior to 2009-10.