

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:230  
ANSWERED ON:20.07.2009  
UNIVERSALISATION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes any scheme for universalisation of secondary Education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the norms and the funding pattern under the said scheme;
- (d) whether funds have been earmarked for the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the scheme will be implemented?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBBAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 230 REGARDING "UNIVERSALISATION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION" DUE FOR REPLY ON 20.07.2009 BY SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH MEENA

(a) to (c) The new centrally sponsored scheme called "Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan" is meant to universalise access to secondary education and to improve its quality. The scheme envisages enhancing enrollment at secondary stage by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation, improving quality of education imparted at secondary level through making secondary schools conform to prescribed norms, and removal of gender, socio-economic and disability barriers. The sharing pattern between the centre and the States during the 11th Five Year Plan is 75:25, while for the north-eastern States, the ratio is 90:10.

(d) & (e) An amount of Rs. 20,120 crore has been allocated for the scheme during the 11th Five Year Plan. The budget provision for 2009-10 is Rs.1353.98 crore. The scheme has already been launched in March, 2009.