

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

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RIGHT TO EDUCATION AT SECONDARY LEVEL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make right to education at secondary level compulsory in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount likely to be allocated for this purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) There is no such proposal at present. However, a new centrally sponsored scheme Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) for universalisation of access to secondary education and improvement of its quality was launched in March, 2009. 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 all secondary schools conform to prescribed norms, and removal of gender, socio-economic and disability barriers. Rs. 20,120 crore has been earmarked for the scheme during the 11th Five Year Plan, and Rs. 1353.98 crore has been provided in the budget for 2009-10.