

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

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VAISAKHA SAKA PRIMARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open primary and secondary schools in the country including Jharkhand, particularly in township;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any effective steps have been taken to achieve general admission average of 75 percent in various classes under primary and secondary education in the country;
- (d) whether the number of Government Schools are inadequate in proportion to the number of students aspiring for admission under primary and secondary education in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), 1,70,426 primary schools, including 18,285 in Jharkhand, have been sanctioned upto 2009-10. Under the Centrally sponsored Scheme "Rastriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)", there is provision for opening of new secondary schools. During 2009- 10, approval has been given to States for opening of 2478 new secondary schools, including 300 in Jharkhand.

(c) to (e) Since inception of SSA, physical access at the primary level has been achieved in more than 98% habitations. Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at the primary level has increased from 98.20 in 2003-04 to 114.61 in 2007- 08 (source: SES). However, with the objective to enhance access to secondary education and to improve its quality, a centrally sponsored scheme called Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) was launched in March 2009 by the central Government. The scheme inter alia, envisages enhancing the enrolment ratio to 75% for classes IX-X within 5 years by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation and improving quality of education imparted at secondary level by making all Government schools conform to prescribed norms.