

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

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including its aims and objectives;
- (c) whether secondary education is being neglected and the investment thereon has declined over the years as per a report of the World Bank;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The centrally sponsored scheme "Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)" was launched in March, 2009 to enhance access to secondary education and to improve its quality. It seeks to ensure availability of secondary schools within reasonable distance of every habitation, improve quality of education imparted at secondary stage and reduce disparities related to gender, socio-economic status, geographical location and disability. 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. Rs. 550 crore (RE) was provided for this scheme in 2009-10. The budget provision for 2010-11 is Rs. 1700 crore.

(c) & (d) The World Bank Report titled 'Secondary Education in India: Universalizing Opportunity' (January, 2009) states that 'while India pursued the drive to universal elementary education, since 2000 the share of investment financing for secondary education has declined significantly'.

(e) The total allocation for secondary education has been increased from Rs. 4,325 crore in the 10th Plan to Rs. 53,550 crore in the 11th Plan, and several new centrally sponsored schemes including RMSA, Model School, Girls' Hostel, National Means-Cum-Merit Scholarship and Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education have been launched during the 11th Plan.