

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

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SETTING UP OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up new secondary and higher secondary schools in various States/UTs during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the norms followed for setting up of these schools in most backward regions like KBK and Bundelkhand of the country;
- (d) whether the Government has also taken up steps to strengthen the existing government secondary schools in various backward regions of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), a centrally sponsored scheme to universalize access to secondary education and to improve its quality, inter-alia, envisages setting up of new secondary schools so as to ensure a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation. Under another centrally sponsored scheme, "Model School", 6000 higher secondary schools will be set up at block level, at the rate one school per block, as benchmarks of excellence. During 2009-10, sanction has been accorded under RMSA to open 2478 new secondary schools.

(c) The new schools under RMSA are to be opened in deficit areas based on school mapping. The State Governments have been advised to accord priority to opening of new schools in SC/ST/minority concentration areas. Out of 6,000 "Model Schools" 3,500 schools will be set up in educationally backward blocks (EBBs).

(d) & (e) Yes, sir. RMSA also envisages strengthening and improvement of existing govt. secondary schools in the country. Sanction has been accorded during 2009-10 for strengthening of 7355 existing govt. secondary schools.