

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:418

ANSWERED ON:08.12.2010

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba;Pakirappa Shri S.

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

- (a) whether the major thrust in the Tenth Plan was to meet the increased demand for secondary education;
- (b) if so, the extent to which the increased demand for secondary education was achieved;
- (c) the role played by the Union Government for opening of new secondary schools and expansion of capacity of the existing schools during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (d) whether the Union Government has provided one-time grant/seed money to societies, trusts and not-for-profit organizations during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Union Government to meet the increased demand for secondary education during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 418 FOR ANSWER ON 8.12.2010 REGARDING "SECONDARY EDUCATION" ASKED BY SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL AND SHRI S. PAKKIRAPPA.

(a) & (b) The Central Plan allocation for secondary education sector during the 10th Plan was ` 4325 crore, whereas the Central Plan allocation for the entire education sector was ` 43825 crore as against the total plan size of ` 813778 crore (at 2006-07 price). The enrollment at the secondary stage (classes IX-XII) increased from 3.05 crore in 2001-02 (last year of 9th Five year plan) to 3.94 crore in 2006-07 (last year of 10th Five year plan), i.e. by 30.82% during 5 years with an annual average compounded growth rate of 5.52%. The Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) for the secondary stage (classes IX-XII) increased from 33.26% in 2001-02 to 41.13 % in 2006-07.

(c) During the 11th Plan, the Central Plan allocation for secondary education has increased substantially as compared to that in the 10th Plan and stands at ` 53550 crore, whereas the corresponding figure for the entire education sector is ` 269673 crore. Several new centrally sponsored schemes including Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) have been launched during the 11th Plan. The objective of RMSA is to universalize access to secondary education and to improve its quality, while ensuring equity. It envisages attainment of a GER of 75% for classes IX and X within 5 years by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation. The targets for the 11th Plan period include setting up of new schools and strengthening of existing secondary schools and addition of teachers to improve the Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR).

(d) & (e) No such one time grant or seed money has been provided to any private organization for any scheme in the secondary education sector during the 11th Plan.

(f) Under the centrally sponsored scheme RMSA launched in March 2009, opening of 2478 new schools and strengthening of 7264 existing secondary schools were sanctioned against the annual plan proposals for 2009-10 submitted by the State Governments. During 2010-11, opening of 1257 new schools and strengthening of 7435 existing secondary schools have already been approved till date.