

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

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EXTENSION OF SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to extend Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan upto secondary and higher secondary levels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the infrastructural facilities to be provided upto secondary/higher secondary level alongwith the total amount released for this purpose;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to encourage private-public partnership in this sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) A centrally sponsored scheme called Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) was launched in March, 2009 to universalize access to secondary education (classes IX-X) and to improve its quality. The scheme is expected to meet the surge in demand for secondary education on account of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) being implemented at the elementary level.
- (c) Under RMSA, fund is provided for opening of new schools with secondary classes (IX-X) and strengthening of existing government secondary schools (classes IX-X) based on Annual Work Plan & Budget proposals received from the States/UTs. ` 816.76 crore has so far been released by the Central Government to the State Implementing Societies for improvement of infrastructure in existing schools and construction of new schools under the Annual Plan 2009-10.
- (d) & (e) There is scope of Public Private Partnership (PPP) under RMSA. The Central Government has also decided to set up 6000 high quality model schools at block level, at the rate one school per block, as benchmarks of excellence. 2500 of these schools are envisaged to be set up in PPP mode.