

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Government is considering to give every school student access to a guidance counsellor that would assist the students in understanding the range of academic and career choices after high school; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), there is a provision for guidance and counseling in high schools (IX-X), that would help students cope with increasing academic and social pressures. It envisages that every school should have at least one teacher and preferably two teachers (one male and one female) trained in guidance and counseling. The guidance and counseling should be an essential part of in-service training programme for teachers and principals / vice-principals. The scheme provides for In-service training of all teachers and heads of State Government secondary schools and State Government aided secondary schools for 5 days every year.