

**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 has initiated action to universalize the secondary education in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details of such action taken during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) With the objective to universalize access to secondary education and improve its quality, a new centrally sponsored scheme called "Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan" was launched in March, 2009. Since inception of the scheme, opening of new 9676 secondary schools (Classes IX-X) and strengthening of existing 35547 secondary schools has been approved. Further, several centrally sponsored schemes including Model School, Girls' Hostel, National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship and Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education have also been launched during the 11th Plan.