

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:116

ANSWERED ON:21.03.2012

RASHTRIYA MADHYAMIK SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

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

- (a) the number of schools sanctioned during 2011-12 and those proposed to be opened in the near future under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), State-wise;
- (b) whether RMSA scheme creates inequality in fund distribution among the States;
- (c) if so, the reasons for the wide variations in the distribution of funds of RMSA among the States;
- (d) the details of allocation of funds amongst States till 31st March, 2011 under RMSA;
- (e) whether the grants-in-aid schools are eligible to get funds under RMSA; and
- (f) if not, whether the Government proposes to include them in the eligibility criteria for RMSA and if so, the details thereof?

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. 116 FOR ANSWER ON 21.03.2012 REGARDING "RASHTRIYA MADHYAMIK SHIKSHA ABHIYAN" ASKED BY SHRI KUNVARJIBHAI M.BAVALIYA AND PROF. RAM SHANKAR

(a) Opening of 3956 new secondary schools by way of upgradation of Government upper primary schools was approved during 2011-12 under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA). Out of these, 2553 secondary schools have become functional till date. State wise detail of such approved and functional new secondary schools is at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) The norms of RMSA are the same for all the States/UTs in the country. The Project Approval Board considers and approves the Annual Work Plan & Budget proposals of the States/UTs based on appraisal of their eligibility as per Scheme norms. The size of the physical and financial proposals of the States/UTs varies depending on the phasing of implementation formulated by the States/UTs. Further, the number and nature of existing secondary schools differ across States/UTs. The requirement of new secondary schools and need to strengthen existing government secondary schools also varies among States/UTs.

(d) Against the budget allocation of Rs.550 crore and Rs.1500 crore during 2009-10 and 2010-11 for RMSA respectively, Rs.547.83 crore and Rs.1480.10 crore were released to States/UTs. State-wise detail of fund allocation during 2009-10 and 2010-11 is at Annexure-II.

(e) & (f) Currently, the grant-in-aid schools are assisted under RMSA only for in-service training of teachers. Extension of RMSA to such schools at par with government schools will be subject to approval of the modifications proposed under the Scheme and availability of funds.