

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

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RASHTRIYA UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
Rao Shri Kavuri Samba Siva

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to launch Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) on the lines of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives of the said scheme along with the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether any discussion has been held with various stakeholders including the State Governments on the issue and if so, the views expressed by the stakeholders in this regard;
- (d) whether any special emphasis is proposed to be given to SC/ST/OBC, women, minorities and other weaker sections of the society in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of expenditure likely to be incurred on the above mission along with the details of expenditure sharing between Centre and States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) has been envisioned by the Ministry of Human Resource Development for approval in the XII Plan, which seeks to address the issues of fund constraints and improve enrolment in higher education by expanding the institutional base of higher education and creating additional capacity in existing institutions.
- (c): Yes, Sir. The proposal was discussed in the meeting of Education Secretaries of State Governments, and most of the Secretaries supported the proposal.
- (d): All the schemes of the Central Government, whether ongoing or contemplated take the addressing of equity issues as the over-arching theme with special focus on SCs, STs, women and minorities.
- (e): The details are being worked out.