

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WORLD BANK REPORT ON RMSA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including its aims and objectives;
- (c) whether secondary education is being neglected and the investment thereon has declined over the years as per a report of the World Bank;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) a centrally sponsored scheme is being implemented from 2009-10 with an aim to enhance access to secondary education and to improve its quality. The objective of the programme is to provide secondary schools within a reasonable distance of every habitation to ensure universal access to secondary education by 2017 (GER of 100%) and universal retention by 2020.

(c)to(e) The World Bank Report titled 'Secondary Education in India: Universalizing Opportunity' (January, 2009) states that 'while India pursued the drive to universal elementary education, since 2000 the share of investment financing for secondary education has declined significantly'. As per the "Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education, 2011" published by this Ministry, the "Plan" expenditure on secondary education for both Centre and States together increased from Rs. 2200 Crore in 2000-01 to Rs. 6622.60 Crore (RE) in 2008-09. The total expenditure on secondary education for both Centre and States together went up from Rs. 19743 Crore in 2000-01 to Rs. 46431 Crore (RE) in 2008-09, whereas the overall percentage share of secondary education declined from 32% to 28.66%.

Besides on- going schemes, several new Centrally Sponsored Schemes including RMSA, Model School, Girls' Hostel were implemented during the 11th Plan. The "Plan" allocation to the Ministry for implementing various secondary education programmes also went up from Rs. 4093 Crore (BE) in 10th Plan to Rs. 23255 Crore (BE) in 11th Plan.