

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

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank is funding universal secondary education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in scheduled and backward areas; and
- (c) the funds received and spent in the 11th Plan Period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) The Development Partners namely the World Bank (WB), the Department for International Development (DFID) and the European Union (EU), have agreed to provide programmatic support to the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Universalisation of Secondary Education. During the implementation period of 2012-16, the WB will support to the tune of US \$ 500 million, the EU will support in the amount of 25 million Euro and the DFID will support to the tune of 80 million Pounds. International experience and technical expertise are also proposed to be brought to the RMSA programme with the involvement of Development Partners. The World Bank has recently agreed to release the first tranche of funds amounting to Rs. 595.52 crore for the RMSA to the Government of India.