

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

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ACCESS TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to reduce the geographical distance for opening new secondary schools from higher secondary schools in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the time by which the universalisation of access to secondary education would be made;
- (d) whether the expansion of secondary education would involve upgradation of physical infrastructure such as classrooms, playgrounds, libraries, science laboratories, toilet, drinking water, electricity and telephone facilities besides recruitment and training of teachers; and
- (e) if so, the details of the proposal mooted by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for universalisation of secondary education, is under implementation since 2009 with an aim to provide a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation. One of the Twelfth Plan Goals for the Secondary Education sector is to achieve near-universal enrollment in secondary education, with the GER exceeding 90 per cent by the 2017.

(d) & (e) The RMSA provides for infrastructure in the new secondary schools (classes IX-X) and the strengthening of infrastructure in the existing secondary schools, which inter-alia includes classrooms, science laboratory, library, art/craft/culture room, toilets and drinking water facilities. The RMSA also provides a School Annual Grant to meet the requirement of different items at school level including water, electricity, telephone charges.