

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

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SCHOOLS UNDER SSA RMSA

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

- (a) the number of schools setup under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) in the States including Odisha and Gujarat during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is satisfied with implementation of SSA and RMSA in promoting school education in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether some deficiencies/irregularities have been noticed in the implementation of these schemes; and
- (e) if so, the corrective action taken thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) : Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) the total number of schools sanctioned during the last three years and the current year are 56052 & 7800 respectively. The State-wise position is given at Annexure-I.
- (b) & (c) Both programmes have improved access to elementary and secondary education in the country, augmented school infrastructure, enhanced enrolment of children in schools specially girls and other disadvantaged groups.
- (d) & (e) : Both SSA & RMSA programmes have strengthened interventions for improving quality and learning outcomes in school education, as well as taken steps to improve retention in schools.

Instances of some financial irregularities have come to light from time to time in the execution of these programmes for which appropriate corrective action was taken. Further, the Government of India has laid down Financial & Procurement Manuals for these programmes to streamline their financial management systems and provided for an annual audit by Chartered Accountants empanelled with the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India and a system of concurrent financial reviews. A total of 41 independent monitoring institutions conduct field level monitoring and there is a system of biannual independent Joint Review Missions.