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

- (a) whether the targets fixed in the Eleventh Five Year Plan for the secondary education have been met;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made in meeting the increased demand for secondary education;
- (c) whether the Union Government has made a proposal for opening of new secondary schools and expansion of capacity of the existing schools during the Twelfth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) was launched in 2009, with the objective to enhance access to secondary education and to improve its quality. New secondary schools (class IX & X) are set up by way of up-gradation of Upper -Primary Schools within a reasonable distance of any habitation. The other objectives include improving quality of education imparted at secondary level through making all secondary schools conform to prescribed norms, removing gender, socio-economic and disability barriers, providing universal access to secondary level education by 2017, i.e., by the end of 12th Five Year Plan and achieving universal retention by 2020. The details of targets set for the XI Plan and achievements so far, under RMSA are at Annexure.

Further, the Model School Scheme of this Ministry envisages setting up of 6,000 model schools (with Classes VI-XII) – one in every block of the country as benchmark of excellence for providing quality education to talented rural children. The scheme has two modes of implementation, viz. (i) 3,500 model schools are to be set up in educationally backward blocks (EBBs) through State/UT Governments; and (ii) the remaining 2,500 model schools are to be set up under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode in blocks which are not educationally backward. Till date, 2266 model schools have been approved to be set up in EBBs through State governments, of which 1084 are functional.

(c) & (d): During the 12th Plan period, based on proposals received from the State/ UTs Governments, new schools are being set up and existing schools strengthened under the RMSA. Till date, 10230 new schools have been approved and 35,256 existing schools have been approved for strengthening under the RMSA.