

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) Scheme creates inequality in the distribution of funds among the States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for variations in the distribution of funds of RMSA among the States;
- (c) the details of allocation of funds amongst States till 31st March, 2010 under RMSA;
- (d) whether the grants-in-aid schools are eligible to get funds under RMSA; and
- (e) if not, whether the Government proposes to include them in the eligibility criteria for RMSA and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The norms of the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) are the same for all the States/UTs in the country. The Project Approval Board considers and approves the Annual Work Plan & Budget proposals of the States/UTs based on appraisal of their eligibility as per Scheme norms. The size of the physical and financial proposals of the States/UTs varies depending on the phasing of implementation formulated by the States/UTs. Further, the number and nature of existing secondary schools differ across States/UTs. The requirement of new secondary schools and the need to strengthen existing government secondary schools also varies among the States/UTs.

(c) Against the budget allocation of Rs.550 crore during 2009-10, Rs.547.83 crore was released to the States/UTs. The State-wise details of fund allocation are at Annexure-I.

(d) & (e) The existing scheme has since been revised to subsume schemes of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) @ Schools, Vocational Education (VE), Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) & Girls Hostel (GH) and extends the benefit of RMSA to aided Secondary schools (excluding infrastructure support/core areas i.e. Teachers and staff salaries) for quality interventions.