

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

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CHARTER SCHOOLS

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to implement the concept of `charter schools` in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the argument for charter schools was based on the poor performance of Government schools and the growing tendency even in small towns and villages to put children in private schools;
- (d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government to enhance the performance of Government schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) There is no such proposal with Central Government at present.
- (b) to (d) Do not arise.
- (e) With the objective to universalise access to secondary education and to improve its quality, a centrally sponsored scheme called Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) has been launched in March 2009 by the Central Government. The scheme envisages enhancing the enrolment for classes IX-X by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation, improving quality of education imparted at secondary level and enhancing equity through removal of gender, socio-economic and disability barriers.