

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

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

- (a) whether schools in the rural areas are being upgraded to high schools under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyaan;
- (b) if so, the criteria adopted in this regard; and
- (c) the details of the procedure laid down for selecting school for upgradation ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme that is implemented through State Governments and Union Territories. As per the norms, under RMSA, existing upper primary schools are upgraded to ensure a secondary school within a distance of every 5 kms and with a potential enrollment of 70 children, relaxed further to 50 children in case of hills, difficult terrain and in sparsely populated areas.