

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:137

ANSWERED ON:04.03.2015

RASHTRIYA MADHYAMIK SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

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

- (a) the present status of the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan aimed at universalisation of secondary education;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to invite private partnership to universalise the access to secondary education and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a decline has been noticed in the transition rate from the upper primary to the secondary level in schools in many States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to raise secondary school enrolment across the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 137 FOR ANSWER ON 04.03.2015 REGARDING "RASHTRIYA MADHYAMIK SHIKSHA ABHIYAN" ASKED BY SHRI NINONG ERING AND SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

(a) & (b) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) was launched in 2009 with the aim to universalize access to secondary education and improve its quality while ensuring equity. The Scheme is implemented in a sharing pattern with the States/UTs and has no private sector participation. The Scheme provides for opening of new/upgraded secondary schools, strengthening of existing secondary schools including setting up science labs, computer rooms, art/craft/ culture rooms, library rooms, drinking water facilities and toilet facilities, teachers quarters facilities as per norms. Since inception of the Scheme, 10513 new secondary schools and 35539 existing secondary schools have been approved under the Scheme. Of the 1,07,262 teachers sanctioned in these new and existing schools, 67451 teachers have been recruited and deployed by the States/UTs in the Government secondary schools.

(c) Transition rate from Upper Primary to Secondary level has slightly declined to 91.95 in 2013-14 from 92.67 percent in 2012-13. State wise details is Annexure-I.

(d) RMSA seeks to enhance enrolment at secondary level by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance from habitation and to improve the quality of secondary education by making secondary schools conform to prescribed norms and remove gender, socio-economic and disability barriers. In addition to infrastructural support, RMSA provides for States/ UTs to take up quality interventions including special enrollment and retention drives in SC, ST and Minority Concentrated Districts, community awareness camps, sensitization of School Management and Development Committee that aim at universal transition of students from elementary to secondary stage of schooling. The Scheme also supports girls' hostels in Educationally Backward Blocks and has a component to enable children with special need to join schools.