

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

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DECLINE IN INTEREST IN MATHS AND SCIENCE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the interest of students in science and mathematics is declining gradually;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to set up modern laboratories in the schools for science subject; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) There is no specific study conducted by the Government of India to indicate that the interest of students in science and mathematics is declining.
- (c) & (d) Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), provides for construction of integrated science laboratory for physics, chemistry, biology and mathematics in all upgraded new Government secondary schools and as part of strengthening of existing Government secondary schools. It also supports purchase of lab equipments. Till date construction of science laboratories has been approved for 10513 new secondary schools and 24581 laboratories in existing secondary schools.