

**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 higher secondary level education is included under the `Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan` (RMSA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representation to include higher secondary level education under RMSA; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The `Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan` (RMSA) was launched in March, 2009 as part of the Central Government's commitment to make secondary education (Class IX and X) of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all young persons. The RMSA since its revision in 2013, subsumes the schemes of ICT @ schools, Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage, and Construction of Girls Hostels, which extend to higher secondary classes and covers both government and aided schools.

(c) & (d) The Government of India have received proposals from Madhya Pradesh, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh for including higher secondary level education. The RMSA presently focuses on the Secondary schools (class IX and X).