GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:838 ANSWERED ON:16.07.2014 REVIEW OF RMSA Rajesh Shri M. B.

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the implementation and achievement of `Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan` (RMSA) and if so, the major findings thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to make changes in the implementation of RMSA and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of schools upgraded in Kerala under RMSA;
- (d) whether any proposals for upgrading more schools in Kerala are pending with the Government; and
- (e) if so, the status of these proposals?

Answer

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

- (a) Under the RMSA programme, there is provision for a Joint Review Mission (JRM), by a group of experts in the field of education and education related areas, both from the Government of India and from the representatives of the external aid partners (World Bank and Department for International Development) to review the programme twice a year. The last such review was conducted from 13th to 27th January, 2014. The key findings of this JRM were that RMSA has reached a stage where an outcome orientation is needed all through, in planning, appraisal, implementation, and monitoring, to bring in learner achievement as a major goal of RMSA and assess every year the progress towards the achievement of this goal, forge strong linkage between quality improvement measures and learner achievement, ex-ante assessment and ex-post evaluation of interventions, particularly those relating to training and quality improvement, are in step with SSA and ensure 100% transition of every child from the upper primary to secondary stage, either in Government or private unaided schools. The reports are available at http:// mhrd.gov.in/rmsa jrmission.
- (b) Recently the Secondary Education Centrally Sponsored Scheme of ICT @ School, Inclusive Education of the Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS), Vocational Education, and Girls Hostel have been subsumed under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan.
- (c) to (e) Under RMSA, 112 schools have been approved in Kerala since inception of the scheme. Out of these, 111 schools have become functional as on 31.05.2014. Presently, no proposals for upgrading schools in Kerala are pending with the Government of India.