

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to extend the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan upto secondary and higher secondary level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the infrastructural facilities along with the total funds provided/ likely to be provided to such secondary/ higher secondary level for this purpose;
- (d) whether the Government is also considering to promote public-private partnership in this field; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) 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. Schemes including Vocational Education, Girls Hostels, Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) and ICT for Schools, have been subsumed under the umbrella RMSA since 2013.

(c) RMSA provides for opening of new secondary schools, strengthening of existing secondary schools including setting up science laboratories, computer rooms, art/craft rooms, library rooms, teachers quarters, drinking water and toilet facilities as per norms of the scheme. Till date, setting up of 10513 new secondary schools and strengthening of 35539 existing secondary schools have been approved under the Scheme. An amount of Rs. 8984.50 crore has been released for infrastructural facilities under RMSA from 2009-10 till date.

(d) & (e) With a view to provide separate toilets for boys and girls in all government schools within one year, the Ministry, in association with Public Sector Undertaking/Corporate, is financially supporting States/Union Territories to construct toilets for girls and boys in Govt. schools under Swachh Vidyalaya Programme of Swachh Bharat Mission. Under SSA and RMSA 88,728 toilets have been sanctioned during 2014-15. Further, 1.58 lakh toilets, including dysfunctional toilets have been taken up by Public Sector Undertaking/Corporate for construction/repairs.