

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

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Entitlement of School Grant under RSMA  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that entitlement of school grant under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) is limited only to the Government schools and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any representation from the Government of Kerala regarding the enhancement of the coverage of school grant under the RMSA to the aided schools and upgradation of 30 upper primary schools into high schools and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Kerala, which seeks financial assistance for the development of infrastructure facilities in the higher secondary schools in that State; 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): Yes, Madam. Under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) scheme, Annual School Grant (@Rs.50,000/- per school) is given to the Government Secondary Schools as recurring grants for miscellaneous activities like repair/replacement of laboratory equipment, purchase of books, electricity charge, water charges, purchase of sports equipment, teaching aids, organizing meetings, conducting sports day/annual day, etc.
- (b): No, Madam. The Government has not received any representation from the Government of Kerala regarding the enhancement of coverage of school grant under the RMSA to the aided schools. A proposal from State Government of Kerala was received for upgradation of 30 Upper Primary Schools into High Schools as part of its Annual Work Plan and Budget for the year 2015-16 for consideration of Project Approval Board of this Ministry. However, the proposal was not approved due to huge backlog of previously approved civil works in the State.
- (c) & (d): No, Madam. Presently, the RMSA scheme covers only Secondary Classes (IX and X).
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