

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:247  
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2014  
RASHTRIYA AAVISHKAR ABHIYAN  
Raut Shri Vinayak Bhaurao;Sreeramulu Shri B.

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch `Think in India` campaign through the `Rashtriya Aavishkar Abhiyan` in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the Abhiyan;
- (c) the details of the facilities proposed to be provided to the students and researchers for innovation in the country under the Abhiyan; and
- (d) the time by which the said Abhiyan is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 247 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2014 ASKED BY SHRI B. SRIRAMULU AND SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT REGARDING 'RASHTRIYA AAVISHKAR ABHIYAN'

(a) to (d): The Rashtriya Aavishkar Abhiyan (RAA) envisages to motivate and engage children of the age group from 6-18 years in Science, Mathematics and Technology through observation, experimentation, inference drawing, model building, etc. both through inside and outside classroom activities and processes. It seeks to create curiosity, excitement and spirit of innovation and exploration amongst school children, by encouraging higher education institutions to assist secondary and elementary schools in the study of Science and Mathematics.

The Rashtriya Aavishkar Abhiyan (RAA) is scheduled to be implemented in a pilot phase from the next academic session.