

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-349
ANSWERED ON –06/12/2023
RASHTRIYA MADHYAMIK SHIKSHA ABHIYAN**

349# Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new high schools required in the state of Rajasthan as per the norms of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA);
- (b) whether Government has taken any step to set up new high schools in Rajasthan for the above purpose, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the districts have been identified where these schools are to be set up; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (d): In the year 2018-19, the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education has launched Samagra Shiksha – an integrated scheme for School Education which envisages the ‘school’ as a continuum from pre-school, primary, upper primary, secondary to Senior Secondary levels and subsumes the erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) & Teacher Education (TE).

The Central Government, through integrated centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha provides support to the States and UTs for opening/ upgradation of schools as per gaps identified from school mapping. It is mentioned that every financial year, on the basis of state specific school mapping exercise, the state proposes new schools to be upgraded in their respective Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) for consideration for approval by Project Approval Board (PAB) in Ministry of Education (MOE), accordingly as per availability of fund and rational of the proposal the schools are approved.

As per Framework for implementation of Samagra Shiksha, the scheme supports to set up new/upgrade secondary and senior secondary schools in deficient or unserved areas on the basis of the perspective plan worked out through micro planning by State Governments. Priority may be given to uncovered villages having highest population.

Total 03 new school buildings at Senior Secondary level under Samagra Shiksha one each for the districts Churu, Jodhpur and Hanumangarh in the State of Rajasthan has been sanctioned from 2018-19 to till date.
