

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2710
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018

Higher Secondary Schools

†2710. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

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

- (a) the reasons for no other efforts made by the Government till now except Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas to establish schools upto higher secondary level to provide qualitative education equivalent to Non-Governmental Schools for the common man despite the inclusion of education in the Concurrent List of the Constitution;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to open such schools to provide qualitative education at cheap rates; and
- (c) if not, the other alternative measures which the Government proposes to take to fulfil the requirements of such schools?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

- (a) The framework of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) envisages universalizing access to secondary schools by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance (5 kilometer) of every habitation and a higher secondary schools within a reasonable distance (7-10 kilometers). When the Scheme was launched in 2009-10, it was decided to implement it in a phased manner, the first phase was designed to make good quality secondary education available to young persons in the age group of 14-15 years. Further, the other components of integrated RMSA, viz Information and Communication Technology in Schools, Girls Hostels, Vocational Education and Inclusive Education of the Disabled at Secondary Stage cater to Higher Secondary level also.
- (b) In the Union Budget of 2018-19, it has been announced to treat school education holistically without segmentation upto class 12th,
- (c) Does not arise.
