

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.375  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019**

**Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan**

**†375. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:**

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

- (a) the number of new High Schools and Inter Colleges required to be set up in the country including Uttar Pradesh as per the norms of the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA);
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps for setting up of High Schools and Inter Colleges in the country including Uttar Pradesh as per the norms of RMSA; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (c): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) was under implementation since 2009 to 2017-18 for universalizing secondary education in the country. RMSA programme provided a number of incentives to encourage enrolment and retention of children in schools as well as for improvement of quality of education. These included enhancing access to secondary schools, strengthening school infrastructure like school building, additional classrooms, laboratories, libraries, arts & craft rooms, toilets, drinking water facilities etc.

In current scenario, RMSA scheme along-with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Teacher Education (TE) have been subsumed under an Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education-Samagra Shiksha which has been launched from 2018-19. It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.

The Samagra Shiksha aims to achieve universal access of children in schools from Pre-School to Senior Secondary in an inclusive and equitable manner, focusing on quality of education with improved infrastructure in the schools. With a view to facilitating States and UTs, the Scheme provides support to establishment of new schools by up-gradation of Upper Primary Schools to Secondary Schools and up-gradation of Secondary Schools to Senior Secondary Schools and, thus, for establishment of composite schools. The scheme also supports strengthening of infrastructure of existing schools.

The erstwhile RMSA and the existing Samagra Shiksha seek to enhance enrolment at Secondary and Higher Secondary levels by providing a secondary school and higher secondary school within a reasonable distance of 5 Km and 7-10 Km, respectively of every habitation, to improve quality of education by ensuring that all schools conform to prescribed standard norms and to remove gender, socio-economic and disability barriers. These norms are indicative for funding under the scheme and the states can prioritize as per their local requirements.

The Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) under the erstwhile RMSA and the existing Samagra Shiksha are prepared by the States and UTs based on their requirements and priorities under different interventions including the requirement of the new High Schools and Inter Colleges (Senior Secondary). These plans are then appraised and approved/estimated in consultation with the States and UTs as per the programmatic and financial norms of the scheme and availability of budgetary resources.

Since the inception of RMSA in 2009 and Samagra Shiksha in 2018-19, sanction has been given for opening of 12896 new secondary schools and 44 higher secondary schools, besides addition of new stream in 851 Senior Secondary Schools. So far, 1486 secondary schools have been sanctioned to the State of Uttar Pradesh out of which 1478 secondary schools have become operational. The construction of school infrastructure is carried out as per Schedule of Rates (SoR) notified by the State Government or Central Public Works Department (CPWD) rates whichever is lower.

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