

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 5228
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SETTING UP OF SR. SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITHIN EVERY 5 KMs.

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per point No.-16(VIII) of the Budget Speech of the year 2015-16, the Government had talked about setting up Senior Secondary Schools within the radius of 5 kms in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has achieved the said target; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c) Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools come under the purview of the respective State Government/ UT Administration. The opening and closing of schools are within the purview of respective State Government and UT Administration.

For providing universal access to quality secondary education, the neighbourhood norms notified by the State/UT are applicable for opening of new Secondary schools. This Department is implementing an integrated Centrally Sponsored scheme- Samagra Shiksha. The scheme envisages school education as a continuum from pre-school to senior secondary level and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all. The States and UTs, which have not notified the neighbourhood norms for Secondary Schools, Samagra Shiksha provides support for access to secondary schools within a distance of 5 Km of a habitation while ensuring their viability and cost effectiveness.

As reported by States and UTs in their Annual Work Plan & Budget Proposals – 2022-23, 96.09% of habitations were covered by Secondary schools within a distance of 5 km.
