

Plan for secondary education

†1050. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether for extension of secondary education any Central plan is under consideration of Government;
- (b) if so, the outlines of the plan; and
- (c) if not, the manner in which the children who obtained elementary education under implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan would receive the facility of secondary education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) A centrally sponsored scheme, called Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) was launched in March, 2009 to universalize access to secondary education and improve its quality, while ensuring equity. The objective of the scheme is to achieve an enrolment ratio of 75% at secondary stage (classes IX-X) within 5 years by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation, to improve quality of education imparted at secondary level through making all secondary schools conform to prescribed norms and to remove gender, socio-economic and disability barriers. The scheme presently covers Government and local body secondary schools (classes IX and X).

- (c) Does not arise.

Capitation fee charged by educational institutions

1051. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of huge capitation fee charged by the educational institutions including management institutions, private medical and engineering colleges in the country;
- (b) whether Government has also received complaints regarding such activities of these institutions; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against these institutions?

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