

at the district level for effective implementation of the scheme. The State Government is also monitoring the scheme on a real time basis through Management Information System integrated with an Interactive Voice Response Software. In addition Central Review Missions visit the State for an on the spot assessment; and 4 independent monitoring institutes carry out an external review of the Scheme at regular intervals. The scheme is constantly reviewed through Quarterly Progress Reports; in the State and National level steering cum Monitoring Committee meetings and during Programme Approval Board meetings.

**Funds for school buildings and girls' hostels**

†2735. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN:

SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government has prepared a comprehensive plan for constructing high school buildings and girls' hostels;

(b) if so, how much money will be spent on the above plan and the norms for allocating the funds to States; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) envisages setting up of new secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation, improvement/strengthening of existing Government secondary schools, by way of providing classrooms, Science laboratory, Library, Computer Room, Art/Craft/Culture Room etc.

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme for "Construction and Running of Girls' Hostel for Students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools" was launched in 2008-09 and is being implemented from 2009-10. The Scheme envisages construction of one hostel with the capacity of 100 girls in each of the 3500 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) of the country. The main objective of the Scheme is to improve access to and retain the girl child in secondary and higher secondary classes (IX-XII) so that the girl students are not denied the opportunity to continue their study due to distance to school, parents' financial affordability and other connected societal factors. At least 50% of girl students should be from SC, ST, OBC, Minority Communities and BPL families.

(b) and (c) During the current financial year 2011-12 the budgetary provision for RMSA is Rs. 2423.90 crore out of which Rs. 1423.90 crore has been provided for infrastructure support.

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The sharing pattern for expenditure is 75:25 between the Central Government and the State Governments except for the North Eastern States (including Sikkim) for which the sharing pattern is 90:10.

The Girls' Hostel Scheme is implemented by the State Government Societies established for implementation of the Scheme, with the sharing pattern being 90:10 between Government of India and State Governments. The total expenditure for construction of 3500 Girls Hostels has been projected at Rs. 5600.00 crore out of which Rs. 1980.80 crore is the estimated requirement for the Eleventh Five Year Plan and Rs. 3619.20 crore for the Twelfth Plan.

#### **Expenditure on higher education**

†2736. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:  
SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian nationals pay a huge amount as tuition fees to foreign universities and educational institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the expenditure by Government on higher education is very low in proportion to the demand;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) While no comprehensive data is available which establishes with certainty the amount paid by Indian nationals for studying in institutions abroad, it is gathered from reports appearing in newspaper that Indian nationals spend a substantial amount to study abroad. However many students go abroad on scholarships also. This Ministry also provides scholarships to students to study in some foreign countries. Many students also obtain loans from various agencies to study abroad.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. The subject 'Education' comes under the Concurrent List. Both Central Government and the State Governments are responsible for improving the status of education including higher education, in the country. The public expenditure on higher education and technical education has increased over the years. The public expenditure on higher education and technical education has been Rs. 50089 crore, Rs. 64882 crore and Rs. 76288 crore for the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-2010 respectively. The public outlay on Eleventh Five Year Plan is 9 times that of the Tenth Five Year Plan for higher education.

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