

Targets fixed under the scheme for universalisation of secondary education

† *444. CHAUDHARY MUNABBAR SALEEM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of scheme for universalisation of secondary education and the targets fixed under the scheme;

(b) the number of new schools opened in minority populated areas after the commencement of the scheme; and

(c) the status of implementation of this scheme in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU) : (a) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) was launched in 2009 with the aim to universalise access to secondary education and improve its quality, while ensuring equity.

(b) Since the inception of the scheme, 9636 new secondary schools have been sanctioned, of which 890 secondary schools have been sanctioned in Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) and 651 secondary schools have been opened/made functional in the MCDs (as on 31.12.2012).

(c) Under RMSA, 1021 new secondary schools (classes IX-X) have been sanctioned in the State of Uttar Pradesh, all of which have been made functional. Civil works are complete in 196 schools and under progress in 376 schools. 433 existing secondary schools had been approved for strengthening. In addition, other recurring interventions such as annual school grant for all Government schools, minor repair grant to all Government schools, in service training for 30011 teachers, excursion trips for 3168 students, salary to 7270 teachers have been approved under RMSA in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Automatic fire/smoke detection with alarm system in train coaches

* 445. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 40,000 non-AC coaches or 80 per cent of total coaches have no protection against fire;

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