

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of KVs functional
33.	Tripura	09
34.	Uttar Pradesh	108
35.	Uttarakhand	43
36.	West Bengal	58
TOTAL		1117

Launching of Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan

1470. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO:

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

(a) whether the Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan (RAA) has been launched in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said Abhiyan;

(c) whether RAA helps the effort of Government to boost the Prime Minister's vision of 'Digital India', 'Make in India' and 'Teach in India' in the country and if so, the details in this regard;

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to bring awareness among school children; and

(e) the details of funds allocated for implementation of the said Abhiyan and the criteria fixed for allocation of such funds to implementation agencies?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan (RAA) was launched on 09th July, 2015 by Late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Former President of India. The RAA, is a convergent framework under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Higher Education to motivate and engage children of the age group from 6-18 years in learning Science, Mathematics and Technology through observation, experimentation, inference drawing, model building, etc. both through inside and outside classroom activities and processes. It seeks to create curiosity, excitement and spirit of innovation and exploration amongst school children, by encouraging higher education institutions

to become mentoring institutions and assist secondary and elementary schools in the study of Science and Mathematics.

Major interventions under RAA include, *inter-alia*, strengthening of school Science and Mathematics laboratories, use of teaching-learning equipment/material, including digital models and use of technology in Science and Mathematics teaching, etc.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The RAA envisages creation of a culture of thinking, inventing, innovating and enquiry based learning in Government schools. The activities/components of RAA would be funded under SSA and RMSA. In case of collaborative initiatives with Ministry of Science and Technology and Department of Higher Education Institutions, funds would be pooled with the existing schemes and norms.

Poor status of sports in schools

1471. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the poor status of sports in schools across the country;
- (b) whether Government plans to initiate a nation wide campaign to include sports as part of school curriculum and improve sports infrastructure in schools; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) Education, being a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, and the majority of schools being under the jurisdiction of the State Governments, it is for the respective State/Union Territory Governments to promote sports in schools. However, under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) school grant is provided to all Government and Government aided schools annually for the replacement of non-functional school equipment and for incurring other recurring cost such as consumables, play material, games, sports equipment, etc.

Under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), ₹ 50,000/- per school (School Annual Grant) is given as part of recurring grant for miscellaneous activities including purchase of sport equipment and other sports related activities and ₹ 20,000/- per school (maximum of 100 school) is also given for purchase of sport equipment to Government Secondary School.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has informed to its affiliated