

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2038

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UPGRACLATION OF SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to upgrade the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan upto the Secondary/Higher Secondary level;
- (b) if so, whether the proposal has been accorded by the Planning Commission;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of infrastructure facilities are likely to be provided to such Secondary /Higher Secondary level alongwith the total funds provided;
- (e) whether the Government has considered promoting public private partnership in this sector;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the time by which a final decision is fikely to be taken by the Government in this,regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (d) Planning Commission has accorded `in-principle` approval to the proposal for a scheme for universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of secondary education. Rs. 1305 crore has been provided in the budget 2007-08 for the scheme. The objective of the scheme is to provide access to secondary schools within a reasonable distance of habitation, to improve the quality of education at the secondary stage and to reduce disparity.

(e) to (g) Education being a subject in the concurrent list, secondary education is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. More than half of the private secondary schools are aided schools and receive the major part of salary of the teaching staff from their respective State Governments. Central Government also recognises the importance of public private partnership and is implementing centrally sponsored schemes like `Integrated Education for Disabled Children` and `Scheme for Strengthening of Boarding and Hostel facilities for Girl Students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools` in secondary education, under wh.ch assistance is given to voluntary organizations, either directly or through State Governments.