

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per information furnished by the High Commission of India in Australia, Australian Government has made changes in student visa programme. Changes include reduction in financial requirements for certain Assessment Levels. Under Stage 1 of the implementation process, effective from 5th November 2011, the Australian Government has reduced the financial requirements for Assessment Level 3 (higher education - Graduate, Post- Graduate level) and Assessment Level 4 (Vocational Education and Training and English Language courses) student visa applicants which apply to Indian students also.

(c) and (d) As almost 80% of Indian students going for study in Australia apply for courses in VET sector, the above changes in financial requirements, made effective from 5th November, 2011 will benefit genuine students. However, one of the factors impacting on the inflow of international students to Australia is the rising cost of Australian dollar and it is likely to continue to affect the Indian students wishing to go to Australia. Hence it cannot be asserted whether these changes will see the re-emergence of Australia as a favoured destination for Indian students.

Schools belonging to minorities

1348. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance given by Government of construction/expansion of schools belonging to educationally backward minorities, across the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of schools constructed/upgraded during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of targets fixed/achieved by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Infrastructure Development of Minority Institutions (IDMI) Scheme was carved out from the Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernisation Programme (AIMMP) in 2008-09 to facilitate education of minorities by augmenting and strengthening school infrastructure in Minority Institutions. Financial assistance given to States and number of institutions supported between 2008-09 and 2011-12 is provided below:

2008-09

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Amount (Rs. in lakh)	No. of institutions
	Uttar Pradesh	25.00	1
2009-10			
	Uttar Pradesh	448.00	22
2010-11			
1.	Karnataka	281.98	15
2.	Maharashtra	387.61	19
3.	Uttarakhand	190.29	12
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	25.00	01
5.	Rajasthan	102.83	07
6.	Haryana	201.12	12
7.	Uttar Pradesh	327.73	16
8.	Gujarat	191.20	15
9.	Kerala	337.73	15
10.	Madhya Pradesh	252.94	12
Total Rs.		2298.43	124

2011-12

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Amount (Rs. in lakh)	No. of institutions
1.	Maharashtra	177.45	10
2.	Uttarakhand	104.91	08
3.	Karnataka	157.25	10
4.	Uttar Pradesh	200.39	10
5.	Kerala	221.53	10
6.	Haryana	145.36	10
Total		1006.89	58

In addition, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) focuses on monitoring progress in respect of 121 Minority Concentration Districts identified under the Prime Minister's New 15-Point Programme for the welfare of Minorities. The amounts sanctioned under SSA for various interventions in these 121 districts are: Rs 4857 crore for 2008-09, Rs 5286 crore for 2009-10, Rs 4479 crore for 2010-11 and Rs 11870 crore for 2011-12.

Details about opening and construction of new primary and upper primary schools in the Minority Concentration Districts under SSA between 2008-09 and 2011-12 are given below :

Year	Opening of new Primary School		Opening of new Upper Primary School		Construction of Primary School		Construction of Upper Primary school	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
2008-09	1423	1386	4301	3176	4404	3266	4154	2662
2009-10	1719	1625	1719	1625	3465	3237	1348	1220
2010-11	11930	11922	2370	2364	4969	3573	1147	1103
2011-12	1470	13	445	1	1522	793	67	4
		(as on 30.9.11)		(as on 30.9.11)		(as on 30.9.11)		(as on 30.9.11)

Proposals of States under RMSA

1349. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) Annual Plan 2011-12 proposals of various States;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, Statewise;

(c) the details of new schools proposed to be set up under the said plan, Statewise;

(d) the details of existing schools in which existing infrastructure will be expanded under the said plan, State-wise; and

(e) the details of funds allocated by Government to various States under RMSA during the Annual Plan 2011-12?