

Norms for approving new secondary school under RMSA

Interpreting the relevant provisions of RMSA framework, following general norms are evolved in various PAB meetings and being followed at the national level for approving Upgradation/ new secondary schools under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA).

A. Norm for upgrading upper Primary schools into secondary school (To warrant 2 section school)

- Non-availability of High school facility within a distance of 5 km.
- At least 70 children should be enrolled in class 8 of feeder UPSs within catchment area.

B. Relaxations on National norm on case to case basis (As per Para 2.1.1 and Para 4.2 of RMSA framework)

Case 1. In case of special situation like SC, ST, Minority, LWE Affected Districts and MDM Educational backward blocks (economic and social barrier)

- Non-availability of High school facility within the distance of 5 km.
- At least 50 children should be enrolled in class 8 of feeder UPSs within catchment area to warrant 2 section schools.

Case 2. In case of special situation like Hilly/ Difficult Terrain/ River (Natural/ physical Barriers)

- Non-availability of High school facility within the distance of 3 km.
- At least 50 and 25 children should be enrolled in class 8 of feeder UPSs within catchment area to warrant 2 sections and 1 section school respectively.

Case 3. In case of special situation like difficult terrain and low density of population in the State (North East Region / HP / J&K / Uttarakhand), international border areas or Other special cases like Ashram School, KGBVs, etc. to short out school specific/ habitation specific barriers

- Non-availability of High school facility within the distance of 5 km or as per State specific norm
- At least 50 and 25 children should be enrolled in class 8 of feeder UPSs within catchment area to warrant 2 sections and 1 section school respectively.

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