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Providing Separate Toilets for girls and boys in all Government Schools within a year

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The Government of India financially supports States / Union Territories, for augmentation and improvement of school infrastructure including drinking water and toilets under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) programmes. Under SSA and RMSA programmes 2.60 lakh drinking water facilities and 10.26 lakh toilets have been sanctioned across States / UTs since inception of the programmes.

As per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) data 2013-14, 10.29 lakh schools out of 10.94 lakh government schools have drinking water facility. Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative has been launched to provide separate toilets for girls and boys in all government schools within a year.

This information was given by Union Minister of Human Resource Development Smt. Smriti Irani in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha Question today.

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