

Year	Research Project
1983-84	10
1984-85	30
1985-86	30
1986-87	23
1987-88	24

The total amount sanctioned for the above projects upto 31st March, 1988 is Rs. 15,70,648/-.

(c) 495 fellowships were awarded by the Council during the last five years, i.e., from 1983-84 to 31st March, 1988. The total amount sanctioned for these fellowships upto 31st March, 1988, is Rs. 1,48,44,602/-. The information regarding the number of research papers published by the fellows is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) 5 national fellowships were awarded by the Council during the last five years, i.e., from 1983-84 to 31st March, 1988. None of these national fellows has completed the tenure of fellowship so far. The question of their submitting the final report does not arise at this stage.

Achievements of Primary Education

1342. SHRI MOHD. MAFOOZ ALI KHAN :
PROF. RAMKISHNA MORE :

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

(a) the latest assessment regarding enrolment of children for primary education by the end of the Seventh Plan as against the target;

(b) the percentage of drop-outs at the primary level at the end of 1987 as compared to 1985 and 1986;

(c) the States which have not been able to achieve the targets of the primary education and what is the rate of drop-outs in these States; and

(d) the reasons for unsatisfactory performance of these States and the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) The target of the Seventh Plan was additional enrolment of 106 lakhs children in classes I-V. According to the midterm appraisal made by Planning Commission, this target is likely to be exceeded.

(b) and (c). According to the latest available information pertaining to 1982-83, the overall drop-out rate in the country at primary stage was 52.1%. Statewise details are given in the Statement below.

(b) The main reasons for unsatisfactory progress in most of the States are; socio-economic factors due to which many children remain unenrolled or dropout at an early stage; inadequately provided schools and inefficient teaching in schools, perception of the curriculum not being related to local needs; indifference of particularly first generation learners leading to non-utilisation of existing educational facilities etc.

The National Policy on Education, 1986 aims to achieve the objective of free and compulsory education for all children upto the age of 14 years by 1995. As advocated in the policy document, States have been advised to adopt an array of meticulously formulated strategies based on micro-planning to ensure children's retention in school and to achieve the target of Universalisation of Elementary Education. Accordingly, Centrally assisted schemes have been started to (i) provide essential facilities to primary schools through 'Operation Blackboard', (ii) strengthening and reorganisation of the non-formal education programme to provide education to school dropouts, children

from habitations without schools and girls who cannot attend whole day schools, and working children. (iii) reorganise and restructure Teacher Education through establishment of District Institutes of Education and Training to increase teacher competence and provide academic support, (iv) new text books in accordance with the National Policy on Education, 1986 are being developed upto elementary level in a time bound programme by NCERT, and State Governments are expected to follow suit. Various incentive programmes like free supply of uniforms to girl students, free mid-day meals, free text books and attendance scholarships are being implemented by the State Governments/UT Administrations.

Statement

Drop out Rates in Classes I—V
(Primary Stage)

Name of State/Union Territory 1982-83

1	2
Andhra Pradesh	60.24
Assam	63.42
Bihar	67.49
Gujarat	54.05
Haryana	31.77
Himachal Pradesh	31.34
Jammu and Kashmir	44.85
Karnataka	57.89
Kerala	3.13
Madhya Pradesh	49.78
Maharashtra	52.89
Manipur	76.02

1	2
Meghalaya	71.66
Nagaland	70.63
Orissa	50.32
Punjab	57.31
Rajasthan	49.30
Sikkim	61.97
Tamil Nadu	23.29
Tripura	57.07
Uttar Pradesh	42.89
West Bengal	65.56
A and N Islands	28.76
Arunachal Pradesh	70.77
Chandigarh	35.06
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	67.56
Delhi	24.20
Goa, Daman and Diu	31.99
Lakshadweep	N.A.
Mizoram	60.92
Pondicherry	5.14
India	52.10

Dropout rates at Primary stage during
the years =

Enrolment in class I preceding 4 yrs—
enrolment in class V during the year x 100

Enrolment in class I preceding 4 years.

Source : Planning and Monitoring Division (Statistics Unit), Ministry of HRD.