

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

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DROP OUT RATE OF TRIBAL STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the drop out tribal students from class I to Class VIII was 86.5 per cent during the year 1994 in Orissa;
- (b) if so, details thereof alongwith the present drop-out tribal student of these classes; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to reduce the drop-out rate in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

- (a) The gross drop out rate of Tribal Students during the year 1994-95 for classes I-VIII in Orissa was 84.42 per cent.
- (b) The gross drop out rate of Scheduled Tribe Boys & Girls in Orissa during the year 1994-95 were 82.20 and 87.81 per cent respectively. The gross drop out rate for Scheduled Tribe Students during the year 1999-2000 (provisional) is 62.81%.
- (c) Several measures have been taken to reduce dropout rates among Scheduled Tribes particularly at elementary stage. These include micro-planning, Community mobilization, improvement of school infrastructure through Operation Blackboard Scheme, District Primary Education Programme (DPEP), National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-day Meals), various incentive schemes such as scholarships, free textbooks, uniforms, construction of hostels and residential schools for Scheduled Tribe students etc. Besides this, a scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has also been launched to achieve universalisation of elementary education in a holistic and convergent manner which has a special focus on disadvantaged groups including Scheduled Tribes.