

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

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ENROLMENT OF GIRLS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government have formulated any programme to promote the enrolment of girls, SCs/STs and disabled children in the secondary schools;
- (b) if so, the details of these programmes; and
- (c) the time by which such programmes are likely to be introduced?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c): National Policy on Education, 1986 (as modified in 1992) laid down that access to Secondary Education will be widened with emphasis on enrolment of girls, SCs and STs and interaction of physically and mentally handicapped with the general community. In pursuance of the policy, Government of India has formulated the following programmes:

- (i) Strengthening of Boarding and Hostel Facilities for girl students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools.
- (ii) Integrated Education for Disabled Children (IEDC).
- (iii) Partial fee concession is allowed to such children for continuing education in courses conducted by National Open School.
- (iv) In Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas, there is reservation of seats and total fees exemption for SC, ST and girl students.
- (v) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the State Government are also taking various measures in this direction.

State-wise enrolments of SCs, STs, Girls and Disabled children are given at Annexure.