

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the objectives of District Primary Education Programme launched in 1994 have been achieved during the last 10 years, in terms of providing access to primary school education for all children, reducing primary dropout rates to less than 10 percent and reducing gender and social gaps to less than 5 percent;

(b) If not the factor attributed there to; and

(c) the steps being initiated to ensure that the programme be extended to all the States in India with greater effectiveness?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a) The Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) in Phase-I districts of DPEP increased from 84 percent in 1995-96 to 98 percent in 2000-2001. In Phase-II districts of DPEP, the GER increased from 84.5 percent in 1997-98 to 85.5 percent in 2000-2001.

The gender gap between boys and girls dropped from 8 percent to 4 percent in DPEP Phase-I districts and from 12 percent to 6 percent in DPEP Phase-II districts.

In Phase I & II of DPEP, enrollment trends indicate near absence of disparity in enrollment of Scheduled Caste (SCs) children compared to other categories. Some districts of DPEP Phase-II, while showing an upward trend in ST enrollment, show that the share of ST enrollment is less than their share in the population.

(b) DPEP was targeted to educationally disadvantaged districts where female literacy rates were below the national average.

(c) the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has been launched in 2001 to cover all districts in the country.