

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

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CHILDREN ENROLMENT IN SCHOOL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a low school enrolment including rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of school enrolment in rural areas, State wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the funds allocated for the primary, secondary and higher secondary schools in rural areas during each of the last three years, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) the details of the funds utilized by the State Governments including Andhra Pradesh for each school from the funds released during the said period, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the school enrolment especially in rural areas of the country including Andhra Pradesh during the said period;
- (f) whether the enrolment of girls had gone up in rural schools compared to urban areas; (g) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government in this regard; (h) whether some States are still far behind in sending children to schools and ensuring quality education for them; and (i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (i) : A statement giving State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh and gender-wise Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for the classes I-XII (6-18 years age) for the year 2004-05 is Annexed. Annual class-wise enrolment figures are not collected for urban and rural areas separately, therefore, Gross Enrolment Ratio for these areas cannot be calculated separately. School-wise and urban/rural-wise funds are not allocated to States. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme, access of girls to elementary schooling is being enhanced. Measures are also undertaken to provide flexible schooling, early childhood care, educational incentives, community action to support continuation of girl in the elementary education cycle. The Mid-day Meal Scheme that provides a cooked meal to all children of Government and Government-aided primary schools, Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) Centers and Alternative & Innovative Education (AIE) Centers, also promote school enrolment and participation.