

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

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ALLOCATION FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the budget for school education was increased in 2007-08;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the budget for elementary education has been increased this year;
- (d) whether the allocations made in 2007-08 budget has been fully utilized;
- (e) if so, the latest position of elementary education in the country; and
- (f) the extent to which the Government is hopeful of achieving education for all in 2008-09?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Budget allocation of the Department of School Education & Literacy was increased by 21.18% in 2007-08 as compared to 2006-07. In the year 2008-09 budget for elementary education has gone up by 17.01% as compared to 2007-08, as per details given in Annexure.

(d): The percentage utilization of the Budget allocation of the Department in the year 2007-08 has been 99.83%.

(e) to (f): The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme provides for Universalisation of Elementary Education in a time bound manner to bridge all gender and social category gaps at elementary level and universal retention by 2010.

The Gross Enrolment Ratio (as per Selected Educational Statistics-2005-06 data) has been 109.40 at primary level and 71.15 at upper primary level. Girls enrolment has been 48% of total enrolment at primary level in 2006-07 and 46.5% at upper primary level. Out of school children have reduced from 3.20 crore in 2001-02 to 0.76 crore as per State Reports, March, 2007. The Gross Enrolment Ratio for Girls has gone up to 105.87% in 2006-07 for primary and 66.50% for upper primary level.