

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

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ENROLMENT IN SCHOOLS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to the UNESCO report, India has failed to retain children in schools upto Class V;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether the Union Government is likely to meet its deadline to provide education for all by 2015;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the primary school enrolment rate to 100 per cent and prevent drop-outs by 2015?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The Drop out rate at primary level of education has come down sharply from 40.7% in 2000-01 to 25.7% in 2005-06.

(c)to(e) The Central Government in partnership with the States is implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDM), to inter alia increase access and retention of children in primary schools. The Gross Enrolment Ratio (2005-06) for classes I to V was 109% showing a positive trend.