

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

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DROP-OUT RATE OF GIRLS STUDENTS

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

(a) whether the statistics out of nationwide survey conducted in June, 2004 and August, 2004 presented to the Planning Commission by an organization working on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has pointed out that 18% of the girls in the country drop out of the schools by the age of 14 and an average 25% of all school children cannot write a dictated sentence by that age;

(b) if so, the details and facts thereof alongwith the other points mentioned in the statistics report;

(c) the extent by which the Government has considered the survey report; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the goal of universalization of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan by 2010?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (c): As per information received from Planning Commission, an organization working in elementary education had made a presentation to it regarding a sample survey on 'Rapid Assessment of Learning Outcomes' conducted by it in June -August, 2004. The survey covered 17 States and about 13,500 children. The survey results based on preliminary analysis showed, inter-alia, that 8% of the boys and 18% of girls in the age group 11-14 years were out of school, and that 25% of children of 11-14 years age group in Government schools, and 14% in private schools, were unable to write a dictated sentence. Full report of the organisation has not yet been received by Planning Commission.

(d) To achieve the goal of universalisation of elementary education (UEE) by 2010, Central Government is providing assistance to States under a comprehensive programme called Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). Details of the steps being taken by Central Government under this programme are indicated in the Annex.

In addition to SSA, Mid-Day Meal Programme is also being implemented for children in Government, local body and aided Primary Schools and EGS/AIE Centres which is expected to substantially help in achieving UEE.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3352 FOR 21-12-2004 ASKED BY SHRI EKNATH M. GAIKWAD AND SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO REGARDING DROPOUT RATE OF GIRLS STUDENTS

IMPORTANT INTERVENTIONS FOR WHICH CENTRAL ASSISTANCE IS BEING PROVIDED UNDER SSA

- Opening new primary school/ alternative schooling facility so as to provide it within one kilometer of every habitation.
- Opening new upper primary schools to the extent necessary.
- Appointment of additional teachers to rectify teacher shortage.
- Construction of buildings for building-less schools, and of additional classrooms for schools with inadequate accommodation.
- Provision of toilets and drinking water facilities in schools.
- Provision of annual grant to teachers for developing teaching-learning material @ Rs, 500/- per teacher per annum.

- Provision of annual grants to schools for
 - (i) maintenance of buildings, and
 - (ii) replacement of equipment @ Rs. 5000/- and 2000/- per annum, respectively.

- 20 days` In-service training of every teacher every year.

- Establishment of Block and Cluster-level Resource Centres for providing continuous academic support to teachers.

- Supply of free textbooks to girls and SC and ST children.

- Interventions for out-of-school children - especially those belonging to SC/ST, and girls.

- Setting-up of education guarantee centres in un-served habitations, and of alternative schools, bridge courses, remedial courses, and back-to-school camps with a focus on mainstreaming out-of-school children.

- Special provision for inclusive education of disabled children @ Rs. 1200/- per disabled child per annum.