

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

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ENROLMENT RATE IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of children admitted to schools in the country including the rural areas remained low during the year 2007-08;
- (b) if so, the details of enrolment in the schools in the rural areas, State-wise;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for Primary and Secondary schools in the rural areas during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the enrolment rate in the schools particularly in the rural areas during the said period;
- (e) whether some States are still lagging far behind in enrolment rate and ensuring quality education for them;
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor, State-wise;and
- (g) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b): A Statement giving the latest State/UT-wise Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for classes I-VIII (6-14 years), classes IX-X (14-16 years) and classes XI-XII (16-18 years) for the year 2005-06 is given at annexure-I. Annual Class-wise Gross Enrolment Ratio for urban and rural areas separately are not calculated.

(c): State-wise details of the approved outlay under SSA for 2006-07 to 2008-09 and Central assistance released under Mid-day Meal Scheme for 2005-06 to 2007-08 are given at annexure-II.

The funds allocated for secondary education under plan scheme during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 were Rs. 895 crore, Rs. 1087 crore and Rs. 3164 crore respectively. Central Sector and Centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented in rural as well as urban areas. Out of these, the scheme for Navodaya Vidyalayas mainly caters to the students of rural areas for which the budget provision of Rs. 1910 crore (plan) was provided during last three years.

(d)to(g): The Mid-day Meal scheme that provides a cooked meal to all children of Government, Local Body and Government-aided schools and EGS & AIE Centers has been extended upto upper primary stage. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA) several steps have been taken to improve enrolment and quality of elementary education which includes inter-alia, free distribution of textbook for all children, construction of school buildings, additional classrooms, recruitment of additional teachers to improve the pupil-teacher ratio, in-service training of teachers, regular academic support through Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centers and regular evaluation of students. The Central Government has approved a centrally sponsored scheme for universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of education at secondary stage in the country in 2008-09. This is called as "Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA). Besides, this scheme for setting up of Model Schools in 2500 economically backward block has been launched in the current financial year 2008-09.