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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the enrolment and drop out rate of students belonging to minority communities in primary and secondary stages, State-wise, community-wise including Muslims;
- (b) the reasons for high drop out of students belonging to such communities including muslims; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve the situation?

Answer

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

(a): While information on students enrolled at different levels in various educational institutions based on their religion is not maintained centrally, according to the National University of Education Planning and Administration's (NUEPA) District Information System for Education (DISE), percentage enrolment of Muslim children in the 6-14 years age group compared to the community's share in the population, shows a national coverage of 9.39% at primary level and 7.62% at upper primary level for the year 2006-07. Accordingly to available information, the corresponding figures for Andhra Pradesh are 10.00% and 9.11%, for Uttar Pradesh 9.24% and 7.18%, for Bihar 8.95% and 6.60%, for West Bengal 27.9% and 19.63%, and for Kerala 10.13% and 9.59%. Data was collected on Muslim children under DISE system for elementary education, for the first time in September, 2006.

(b) to (c): A Study by the National University for Education Planning and Administration (NUEPA) to identify causal factors for low enrolment of Muslim minority students at secondary level of education is in progress. Meanwhile, in order to encourage school enrolment, Government of India in the Ministry of Minority Affairs has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of pre-matric and post-matric scholarships for students of class I to X belonging to the minority communities.