

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

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ENROLMENT OF GIRL CHILD
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of parents are unable to send their girl child to schools, especially in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the ratio of children enrolled in schools, especially the girls, in the rural areas in the country including Karnataka, State-wise;
- (d) whether adolescent girls are supplemented nutrition by the Government;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the efforts made or being made by the Government to ensure enrollment of every girl child in schools?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The enrolment of girls in schools has shown a steady increase over the years. A State-wise statement showing Gender Parity Index based on SES data for the year 2007-08 is annexed.

(d) & (e) The Department of School Education & Literacy provides Mid Day Meal to all children of classes I-VIII studying in Government, Local Body and Government aided schools and the centres run under Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS)/Alternative & Innovative Education (AIE) including Madrasas/Maqtabs supported under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in all areas across the country.

The Ministry of Women & Child Development implements the "Kishori Shakti Yojana (KSY)" in 6118 Blocks in different States/UTs and Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG) in 51 identified districts across the country for adolescent girls.

(f) SSA provides financial support inter-alia for free textbooks to all girls upto Class VIII, organizes back to school camps for out of school girls and bridge courses for older girls. In addition, the Department of School Education & Literacy has launched two focused interventions for girls under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)—the National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) and the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyaya (KGBV) to reach out to girls from marginalised social groups in educationally backward blocks in the country. At secondary level, the Department of School Education & Literacy has launched the scheme of girls' hostels to facilitate girls to continue their education at secondary stage.