

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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USE OF UID FOR EDUCATION REFORM

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken any fresh initiative to bring back over 80 lakh out of school children into the education system by using UID;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the modalities worked by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regards?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : As per an independent sample survey undertaken in 2009, the estimated number of out-of school children in the country is 81 lakh. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for universal access for all children through opening schools in the habitations which are un-served by a primary school within one kilometer as per State norms and upper primary schools as per requirement based on the number of children completing primary education up to a ceiling of one upper primary for every two primary schools. SSA also arranges residential and non-residential bridge courses for out-of-school children with a view to mainstreaming them into the regular schools. The UID project envisages creation of a unique identification number for every citizen of India. Provision of UIDs at birth will help ensure that all children including out-of-school children participate in the education process. UID project is at a preliminary stage of development.