

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

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ANNUAL SURVEY OF EDUCATION REPORT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Annual Survey of Education Report revealed that flagship Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan making rapid strides;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of annual survey conducted so far;
- (c) whether there is considerable decline in the percentage of out of school children in the age group of 6-14;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the percentage; and
- (e) the concrete steps taken by the Union Government to reduce the percentage of out of school children?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Annual Survey of Education Report (ASER) is brought out annually by Pratham – a Non-Governmental Organisation. This organisation has conducted four sample surveys till now. ASER, 2008 bring out following points:

Learning levels of standard I and II i.e. percentage children who can read letters, words or more – 75.4%.

Percentage children standard I and II who can recognize numbers (1 to 9) or more – 75.7%

Learning levels of standard 3-5 i.e. percentage children who can read level 1 (standard 1 text) or more – 66.6%.

Learning levels of standard 3-5 i.e. percentage children who can do subtraction or more – 54.9%.

ASER,2008 also reports that there are 4.3% out of school children.

(e) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for strengthening of school infrastructure, access to schools, educational incentives, additional support through National Programme of Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) and residential facilities at upper primary level under Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme (KGBV). Further, to target SC and ST children, interventions, inter-alia, free text books, remedial teaching and innovation are provided. The Mid Day Meal Scheme provides for cooked meals to schools children, helping in improving retention.