

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

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IMPROVING THE STANDARDS OF PRIMARY EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of schemes formulated by the Government to improve the standard of primary education in the country;
- (b) the State-wise and gender-wise percentage of children who remained deprived of primary education during the current year; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and region-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme was launched in 2001-02 to universalize elementary education. SSA has made significant progress in achieving its goals of universal access and retention, bridging gender and social category gaps in education and improving learning levels. 98% of the rural population has access to primary schools and Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) has increased from 96.3 in 2001-02 to 111.24 in 2006-07. In the case of girls GER has increased from 86.9 to 107.84 for the same period. Dropout rate at primary level has declined from 39.03 in 2001-02 to 25.43 in 2006-07. In the case of girls dropout rate has declined from 39.88 to 26.56 for the same period. A state-wise statement is attached at Annexure.