

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

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WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ON PRIMARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the report of the World Economic Forum 2009-10 regarding Primary Education in India;
- (b) whether the Government has examined the report; and
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. World Economic Forum has published the Global Competitiveness Report, 2010-11, based on the Global Competitiveness Index (GCI). Health and primary education is a composite part of the 12 pillars of GCI. India is ranked at 104th position against Health and Primary Education. In respect of enrolment in primary education India is ranked at 95th position. The GCI ranking for primary education is based on Net Enrolment Ratio (NER) calculated as the ratio of children in the official school age enrolled in school to the total population of children in that age group.

In India, the number of children accessing primary education has been increasing steadily. The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), which includes overage and underage children accessing education, has increased from 96.30 in 2001-02 to 114.60 in 2007-08.