

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

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PERCENTAGE OF ADMISSION IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the percentage of admission in the primary classes of the children belonging to the minority communities has declined during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the efforts made by the Government to increase the admission percentage and reduce the dropouts?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): No, Sir. The percentage of admission in the primary classes of children belonging to Muslim Community in the country has increased from 11.03% in 2008-09 to 13.04% in 2009-10 (provisional). The Government is implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme to universalize elementary education. SSA Programme provides interventions for improving children's access to school, improving retention and reducing dropout, as well as bridging gender and social category gaps in enrollment. SSA norms for intervention have been revised to correspond with the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.