

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:203

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EDUCATION FOR GIRLS

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

- (a) the gender-wise enrolment of students in the primary, upper primary and secondary schools in each State/U.T. during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether there has been increase in the dropout of girls both in the urban and rural areas during the above period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide additional incentives to the States to increase the enrolment of girls in the above schools;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that the girls do not discontinue their studies during their schooling?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) To (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 203 FOR 24.11.2010 BY SHRIMATI PRIYA DUTT AND SHRIMATI SUSHILA SAROJ REGARDING EDUCATION FOR GIRLS

(a) A statement giving gender-wise enrolment of students in the primary (I-V), upper primary (VI-VIII) and secondary (IX-XII) classes for the latest available years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08, is enclosed as Annexure.

(b) & (c): The drop-out rates among girl students in primary, upper-primary and secondary stages of education over the last available three years (2005-06 to 2007-08) are given as under. Socio-Economic factors affect the drop-out rates. Urban and Rural wise drop-out rates are not being calculated separately.

Drop-out rates (in percentage) of girls in

Classes I-V Classes I-VIII Classes I-X

2005-06 21.77 48.98 63.56

2006-07 26.75 45.22 61.50

2007-08 24.41 41.34 57.33

(d) & (f): To bridge gender gaps in enrolment, retention and learning, the Government implement the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) Scheme and National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). Under KGBV, residential schools are set up at upper primary level in educationally backward blocks for girls belonging predominantly to SC, ST, OBC and minority communities. In addition, SSA provides support for (a) provision of textbooks, (b) appointments of female teachers, (c) separate toilets for girls. SSA also provides support for need based girl's education and early childhood care education. A new intervention under SSA is the provision of uniform for all girls, SC, ST and BPL children w.e.f. 2010.

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan" (RMSA), inter alia, envisages reduction in gender disparity in secondary education. Another Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Girls' Hostel provides for setting up of one hostel for 100 girls in each educationally backward block, to enhance enrolment of girls in the secondary stage and improve their retention.