

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

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EDUCATION OF GIRLS

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

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the findings of Annual Status of Education Report-2010 brought out by the NGO ``Pratham`` on dropout rates amongst girls in rural areas;

(b) if so, the salient features of the report;

(c) the gender-wise dropout rate in the primary, upper primary and secondary schools in rural and urban areas in each State/UT during each of the last three years in the country; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the dropout rate amongst the girls in schools in rural areas?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): As per Annual Status of Education Report (Rural), 2010 brought out by Pratham, a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), 2.5% girls in age group 07-10 and 5.9% in age group of 11- 14 are not attending schools.

(c): A statement giving details of drop out rate among the girls from 2006-07 to 2008-09 based on Select Education Statistics (SES) brought out by the Ministry of Human Resource Development is given in Annexure.

(d): Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for a variety of interventions to reduce dropout rate and ensure girls' participation in school. These include provisions for

- (i) Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyayas which are residential schools in educationally backward blocks for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups and weaker sections,
- (ii) National Programme for Education of girls at Elementary levels, which provides for development of model cluster schools, teacher sensitization etc. in educationally backward blocks,
- (iii) Innovation funds for implementation of girls-specific programme in districts,
- (iv) textbooks for girls,
- (v) construction of girls toilets, etc. with effect from 2010-11. The SSA has also introduced provision for uniforms with effect from 2010-11 if such provisions are not already made by the State Governments.