

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

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STUDENTS WITH AIDS VIRUS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several instances of children afflicted by HIV/AIDS virus have been thrown out of schools in the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has issued strict orders in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken /proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that there is no discrimination of this sort in schools?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): As per information available with National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), 61 children infected by HIV were removed from the schools in various instances, during the last three years (2008, 2009 and 2010) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. State/UT wise details are annexed.
- (c) to (e): As far as Central board of Secondary Education is concerned, advocacy programmes are conducted to sensitize Principals and teachers to ensure that students with HIV/AIDS are treated with dignity and respect. National AIDS control Organization (NACO) and State AIDS Control Societies alongwith their State /District level networks also conduct advocacy programmes with various stake holders including school principals and teachers.