

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DROP OUT RATE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

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

- (a) the details of gender-wise enrolment for primary education in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is an increase in the drop out rate of both genders at primary and secondary school levels;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor during the last three years, gender-wise, class-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether the rate of school drop outs of girls in rural areas is more than that of the urban areas in the country;
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check such drop outs;
- (f) whether the drop out rate is mainly amongst the girls due to non-availability of toilets in the schools;and
- (g) if so, the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Ministry of Human Resource Development collects information on various educational indicators from the States/UTs annually through Selected Educational Statistics (SES). The State-wise enrollment at primary level for three years from 2006-07 to 2008-09, for which SES is available, is Annexed.

(b) to (e): No, Sirs. SES 2008-09 (Provisional) reveals decline in drop-out rate for the period from 2001-02 to 2008-09 at primary and secondary level for both the genders in comparison to decline in drop-out rates for both the genders for the period from 1990-91 to 2000-01. The details of decline in drop-out rates are as under:-

Year	Primary Level (I - V)		Secondary Level (I - X)		
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
1990-91		40.10	46.00	67.50	76.90
2000-01		38.70	42.30	66.60	70.60
DECLINE		1.40	3.70	0.90	6.30
2001-02		38.40	39.90	64.20	68.60

2008-09	26.68	22.90	55.82	55.94
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DECLINE	11.72	17.00	8.38	12.65
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The data on drop-out rates separately for rural and urban areas is not available.

(f) & (g) Non-availability of toilets is one of the reasons for drop-out among girls. As per District Information System for Education (DISE), 2009-10, 58.56% schools have girls' toilets. Under SSA, provision of separate toilets for girls has been identified as part of a broader intervention to ensure access, retention and quality education of girls at elementary level. SSA has issued guidelines to States/UTs to provide separate girls' toilets to improve girls' participation in schools at elementary level. This facility is provided in schools of rural areas in collaboration with the Ministry of Rural Development under its Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), and from SSA funds in urban areas.