

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

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FREE EDUCATION TO CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme for free education to children from kindergarten to postgraduation to ensure 'Education for All' under which all mothers will get financial incentives to check dropouts from schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the time by which the said scheme is likely to be introduced; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 provides for free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of six to fourteen years. The RTE Act has come into force from 1st April, 2010. The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) in its 58th Meeting held on 7th June, 2011 had recommended the extension of the RTE Act to the secondary stage of education. A CABE Committee has been constituted to examine the matter and make appropriate recommendations.