

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:228  
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GROSS ENROLMENT RATIO  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the gross enrolment ratio at the primary, upper primary and secondary level schools in the country is still below the world average;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor vis-à-vis the world average;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review/expand the entire education system so as to bring the country's gross enrolment ratio at par with the global average ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 228 FOR 17.8.2011 BY SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV AND SHRI HARSH VARDHAN, M.Ps. REGARDING GROSS ENROLMENT RATIO

(a) &(b): Gross Enrolment Ratios(GER) at the Primary, Upper Primary and Secondary levels for the year 2007-08 in the country and the world average are given below:

Level	India	World Average
	2007-08	(2008)

Primary	113.97	107
Upper	78.06	79
Secondary	58.15	55 (includes Senior Secondary)

State-wise details of GER are given in the Annexure.

(c)&(d): Government has been making consistent progress to meet the goals of Universal Elementary Education through implementation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009, which became operational with effect from 1st April 2010, provides that every child in the 6 to 14 age-group shall have a right to free and compulsory education till completion of elementary education. The SSA Framework of Implementation has been revised to correspond with the provisions of the RTE Act 2009 and the SSA programme is being implemented in accordance with the norms and standards of the RTE Act. Mid Day Meal Scheme is being implemented with a view to enhance enrolment and retention of children in school. Further, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan(RMSA) has been launched for universal access to secondary education. These efforts will enable states to universalize elementary and secondary education and improve the Gross Enrolment Ratio.