

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether total literacy in the State of Assam is less than the national average and the quality of education is also not satisfactory;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the ratio of primary and upper primary schools is much less than the norm required by SSA of 2:1 and dropout rate is very high in primary and upper primary levels;
- (d) if so, whether the Government will take special measures to increase the ratio;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the number of centres of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan operating in North Eastern Region;
- (g) the number of additional classrooms constructed under this scheme during the last two years in Assam; and
- (h) the number of additional teachers being appointed in the State?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per Census 2011, the literacy rate of Assam is 73.18% as against the National Average of 74.04%. But the growth rate of the literacy in Assam is 1.2% higher than that of the national average in 2011 as compared to Census 2001. As per the National Achievement Survey conducted by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), the learner achievement level in Assam for the class III, V and VII for various subjects is as follows:

Subject	Class III	Class V	Class VII
Language	65.62	51.90	55.23
Mathematics	65.51	44.64	36.60
EVS	-	45.21	-
Social Science	-	-	38.11

(c) to (e): The ratio of primary to upper primary schools in the state of Assam is 2.8:1. As per Selected Educational Statistics (SES)-2008-09 (provisional), the dropout rate at elementary stage is 68.28% compared with the national average of 42.25%. The measures taken by the Government include, inter-alia, the following:

- i. Under SSA 5054 primary schools have been sanctioned to Assam. The State has taken up GIS mapping for an assessment of the requirement of upper primary schools in the State.
- ii. SSA, Assam, has initiated steps to develop a Child tracking System to monitor retention and academic progress of children.
- iii. SSA, Assam, has initiated steps to upgrade 3496 centres under the Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) to primary schools.
- iv. The Government of Assam has issued a notification to integrate Class – V with the primary education sector, and Class-VIII with upper Primary to address the problem of dropout.
- v. State has been advised to develop an objective and transparent system for rationalization of teacher deployment, and expedite teacher recruitment so that teachers are available in schools as per pupil teacher ratio (PTR) prescribed under the RTE Act.
- vi. Infrastructure development in terms of classroom space and provision of girls toilets is also emphasized to prevent drop out of adolescent girls.

(f): The number of primary and upper primary schools sanctioned under SSA in North Eastern Region is 681 and 263 respectively during 2011-12.

(g): The number of additional class rooms constructed under SSA in the last two years in Assam is 3445 in 2009-10 and 4845 in 2010-11.

(h): Till now, no additional teacher has been appointed in Assam.