

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

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is coordinating with Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs) of the country to promote awareness amongst tribals about the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the enrolment of the tribal children into schools in remote places has. increased; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The States/Union Territories have been advised to take necessary steps to bring about better convergence between Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and schemes of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in order to attain the objective of universalisation of elementary education, specifically for children belonging to scheduled tribes. Important areas of convergence are introduction of multilingual teaching-learning processes in tribal areas, grants admissible under SSA to the schools run by State Tribal Welfare Departments and micro planning exercises for need assessment at the grassroot level. SSA has identified 109 districts having more than 20% ST population as Special Focus Districts.

(c) & (d) The number of out of school ST children in 2005, as revealed by independent survey was 16.57 lakh. The Gross Enrollment Ratio of ST students has increased from 86.06 in 2003-04 to 109.48 in 2006-07 at the elementary level. The dropout rate of ST children has also reduced in the same period from 70.05% ID 62.54%.