

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

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UNICEF REPORT ON SCHOOL CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has been mentioned in a UNICEF report that nearly half of the children in the country do not attend primary school;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the findings of the aforesaid report counter the claims made by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): No Madam. There are no official UNICEF publications or reports which state that half of Indian children do not go to Primary School. A study had been commissioned by the Central Government in 2009 which established that of 81 lakh children out of school, 3.73 lakh were girls which is only 4.6% of the total population of girls in the 6 to 13+ age group.