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DROP OUT RATE OF GIRL CHILD

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

- (a) whether the drop out rate of girl child remains high across secondary schools in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether community vigilance groups or equivalent bodies have been set at a village level under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to reduce the drop out rate of girls in schools;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including Karnataka where such vigilance groups have been set up; and
- (d) whether these groups have been effective in reducing the drop out rate among girl child and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(Dr. Shashi Tharoor)

(a) As per the Statistics of School Education (Provisional), the drop-out rate of the girl child for classes I to X for all categories, for the year 2009-10 and 2010-11, has reduced from 52.00% in 2009-10 to 47.90% in 2010-11. The State/UT wise and year wise details of the provisional drop-out rate in classes I to X for all categories for the year 2009-10 and 2010-11 is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b) to (d) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009 provides for the constitution of School Management Committees (SMCs) consisting of elected representatives of the local authority, parents or guardians of children admitted in schools and teachers. Under the RTE Act, 2009, the SMCs have been assigned the function of monitoring the working of the schools, preparing and recommending the school development plan and monitoring the utilization of the grants received from the appropriate Government or local authority or any other source. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) funds training of members of the SMCs, the modules of which incorporate gender sensitization of the community to encourage enrolment, attendance and retention of girls in elementary schools, benefits of girls' education and the necessity to maintain gender sensitive school environment. The RTE Act provides that 50% of the members of the SMCs shall be women.

As per State Government/UT Administration reports, the updated position for 2012-13 regarding the State-wise (including Karnataka) number of SMCs constituted is at Annexure-II.

In addition, District Level Monitoring Committees comprising of public representatives and officials have been constituted to monitor the implementation of SSA in every district which inter-alia includes review of program in terms of its progress with focus on outcome indicators like enrollment, drop out, learning achievements.

Dropout rate of girls at elementary level has decreased from 57.7% in 2000-01 to 41.0% in 2010-11. (Statistics of School Education) (Provisional)