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

- (a) the details of enrolment in primary, secondary and senior secondary schools in the country during the last three years, State-wise, gender-wise, category-wise;
- (b) whether in some States, primary school enrolment has fallen in the last three years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the reasons for this fall in enrolment;
- (e) the steps taken to improve the enrolment of children in schools;
- (f) whether enrolment ratio of OBCs is much below the national average;
- (g) if so, the reasons therefor and the efforts made to improve the enrolment of OBCs in the country; and
- (h) the details of funds allocated for primary, secondary and senior secondary schools in rural areas during the last three years, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a): As per the "Statistics of School Education" brought out by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the State-wise and gender wise details of enrolment in primary, secondary and senior secondary schools during the latest three years 2008-09(Provisional), 2009-10(Provisional) and 2010-11(Provisional) are at Annex I-III. Data on category-wise enrolment in these schools is not maintained separately. However, the State-wise and gender wise details of number of SC/ST students enrolled in Classes I-V, IX-X and XI-XII are at Annex IV-IX.

(b) to (d): The enrolment in primary schools has marginally decreased in the States/ UTs of Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Daman & Diu, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Puducherry during the year 2010-11 as compared to 2009-10. Decline in birth rates in some parts of the country as well as failure of private schools to report enrolment data, sometimes leads to fall in enrolment data.

(e) : The Government has been making consistent progress in meeting the goals of Universal Elementary Education through the implementation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). 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 is being implemented in accordance with the norms and standards of the RTE Act to enhance enrolment and retention of children. The Mid Day Meal Scheme is also being implemented with a view to enhance enrolment and retention of children in school. Further, the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan(RMSA) which has been launched for universal access to secondary education, aims at removing gender and socio-economic disparities in access to education.

(f) & (g): Separate data on the enrolment of OBC students is not maintained. The SSA facilitates context- specific interventions for SC, ST and OBC students. The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme provides for the setting up of residential upper primary schools for girls from SC, ST, OBC and Minority communities. Under the RMSA, there is a provision for the upgradation of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas to secondary schools. The scheme of Construction & Running of Girls' Hostel for Students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools is also being implemented since 2009-10 in educationally backward blocks in the country for girl students from SC, ST, OBC and Minority communities.

(h): The details of funds allocated to schools in rural areas are not maintained separately. However, the actual expenditure incurred by the Education Departments of Centre & States/UTs during the year 2008-09, The Revised Estimate (RE) for the year 2009-10 and the

Budget Estimate(BE) for the year 2010-11 under the various schemes in Elementary Education and Secondary Education is given below:-

(in crores)

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11
(Actual Expenditure) (RE) (BE)

Plan Non- Total Plan Non- Total Plan Non- Total
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Elementary Education

28188.48 50812.37 79000.85 32518.06 65981.94 98500.00 39533.97 71057.60 110591.57

Secondary Education

4995.81 40508.27 45504.08 7620.74 54610.42 62231.16 10506.31 59268.49 69774.80