

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

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OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of out of school children in the country has registered any decline in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the number of out of school children in the age group of 6 to 14 in various States during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has sanctioned primary and upper primary schools to promote education for all in the country;
- (d) if so, the number of primary and upper primary schools so far set up in various States during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the number of students in primary and upper primary enrolled and actually attending school during the said period?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Two independent surveys to estimate the no. of out-of-school children in the country were commissioned by the Govt. of India in 2005 and 2009. These surveys showed a decline in the number of out of school children from 134.6 lakh in 2005 to 81.5 lakh in 2009. The States have reported a further decline in the number of out-of-school children in the last 3 years as given at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d): Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Primary & Upper primary schools are sanctioned for the universalisation of elementary education. The details of primary and upper primary schools sanctioned during the last three years under the SSA are at Annexure-II.
- (e): As per the District Information System for Education (DISE) 2011-12, the number of children enrolled in the primary level was 13.34 crore in 2009-10, 13.52 crore in 2010-11 and 13.70 crore in 2011-12. Similarly, at the upper primary level, enrolment was 5.44 crore in 2009-10, 5.78 crore in 2010-11 & 6.19 crore in 2011-12.