

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

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DROP OUT RATE AT HIGHER SECONDARY LEVEL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an increase in the drop out rate at the higher secondary level across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; category-wise and gender-wise during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether drop out rate, for the girls is more than that of the boys in the country; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check this trend?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) The drop out rates at the higher secondary level are not maintained in this Ministry as there are multiple streams of education after class X. The all India drop out rates for classes I to X for the last three years for which figures are available were 59.88%, 61.62% and 61.92% for 2006-07, 2005-06 and 2004-05 respectively.

(c) & (d) During the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, the drop out rates for girls for classes I to X were slightly higher than those for boys at all India level as a whole. With a view to reduce the drop out rate for girls at the secondary level, the centrally sponsored schemes 'Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan' envisages special focus on girls' enrolment and retention through various measures including appointment of women teachers, provision of toilets for girls, etc. The Girls' Hostel scheme is meant to create residential facilities for girls at the secondary stage in educationally backward blocks. Under the scheme 'Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education', a financial incentive is provided to all SC/ST girls joining class IX in government and government-aided schools.