

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

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

- (a) whether girls discontinue education after primary school as per the latest study;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the students are shifting from the Government schools to private schools;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Union Government proposes to expand environmental engineering courses in the Government aided institutions; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The enrolment of girls at elementary, secondary and senior secondary level has been steadily increasing and the drop-out rates have been declining at all the stages of school education. The Gross Enrolment Ratio of girls at primary level rose from 104.7% in 2004-05 to 116.7% in 2010-11, at the upper primary level it rose from 65.1% to 83.1% over the same period, while at the secondary level it rose from 45.3% in 2004-05 to 60.8% in 2010-11 and at the higher secondary level from 24.5% to 36.1% during the same period. This data has been collected and compiled under the annual Statistics of School Education by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

(c) & (d): The total number of government schools has been steadily rising and has risen from 439904 in 2003-04 to 785496 in 2010-11 and in the same period the number of private schools has also risen from 197698 to 292268. The Statistics of School Education (SES) does not capture any shift from Government to private schools.

(e) & (f): There is no such proposal.