

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

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

- (a) the gross-enrolment rate of children in primary, upper-primary, secondary and senior secondary levels in the country during the last three years, State and year-wise;
- (b) the average attendance rate of children in these levels during the last three years, State and year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of the low levels of attendance amongst students, especially in the rural areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction thereon;
- (e) whether the Government has taken steps to improve the attendance rates among students including steps like linking the benefits under RTE/SSA to minimum attendance levels; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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 the gender-wise Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of students in Primary (Classes I-V), Upper Primary (Classes VI-VIII), Secondary (Classes IX-X) and Senior Secondary (Classes XI-XII) in the country during 2008-09(Provisional), 2009-10(Provisional) and 2010-11(Provisional) are at Annexures I, II, III and IV respectively.

(b) to (f): The data on the average attendance rate of children is not maintained by the Ministry. However, 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 the completion of elementary education. The SSA Framework of Implementation has been revised to correspond with the provisions of the RTE Act 2009 and SSA is being implemented in accordance with the norms and standards of the RTE Act to enhance the enrolment and retention of children and to bridge gender gaps in elementary education. The Mid Day Meal Scheme is being implemented with a view to enhance the enrolment and retention of children in school. Further, the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, which has been launched for universal access to secondary education, aims at removing gender and socio-economic disparities in access to education at the secondary level.