

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4218  
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STUDENTS DROP OUT  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether substantial number of students drop out before completing twelfth standard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether corruption cases in educational sector have come to the notice of the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken or likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The dropout rates for students of Classes I-V, Classes I-VIII and Classes I-X during 2010-11 (Provisional) in the country are 27.0, 40.6 and 49.3 respectively. The incidence of high drop-out rate may be attributed to inadequate school infrastructure and facilities, adverse pupil teacher ratio, children engaged in household or other kinds of work, seasonal migration cultural and economic pressures etc.

(c) to (e): The complaints alleging corruption in educational institutions received in the Ministry from time to time from the Central Vigilance Commission, the Central Bureau of Investigation and other sources are addressed as per the established procedures.