

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2516
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PROMOTION OF PRIMARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the percentage of children going to school in tribal areas has increased in the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any data regarding the number of children not attending school in different tribal areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan for extra incentives to promote primary education in these areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken to promote primary education in tribal areas of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRIJUALORAM)

(a): Yes, Madam. The children going to school in tribal areas has increased every year. The data for gross enrolment ratio for the last three years are not maintained in this Ministry. As per Statistics of School Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), 2006-07 and Abstract of Statistics of School Education 2007-08, 2009-10, 2010-11; the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for Elementary stage (Class I-VIII) during 2007-08 was 109.60%, during 2009-10 was 118.85% and during 2010-11 was 119.70% which shows an increase in enrolment ratio among ST Children, (b): No, Madam, (c) & (d): Other steps taken to promote primary education in tribal areas are:

- I. Scheme of Hostels for ST Girls and Boys.
- II. Scheme of establishment of Ashram Schools in tribal areas.
- III. Schemes under Sarva Sikhsha Abhiyan.