

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether all the children in the age group of 6 to 14 years in the country are enrolled in schools and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number out of them who are able to avail free educational facilities extended by the Government;
- (c) whether there are sufficient government schools in all the States to cater to them and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether a large number of government schools are being closed in States like Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh for want of children and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government has formulated any scheme in collaboration with some Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) so that drop out students be readmitted in schools; and
- (f) if so, the names of the NGOs in collaboration of which the scheme has been formulated and the targets fixed in terms of the number of students to be readmitted in schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): The census 2011 estimated 20.78 crore children in the 6-13 age group. In 2013-14 the enrolment in elementary schools was 19.89 crore children in 14.49 lakh elementary schools, including 13.79 lakh government and government aided schools providing free education.

(d): No State Government except Government of Kerala, has reported about closure of schools due to non-availability of children, however some State Governments, like Rajasthan have reported an exercise of consolidation of schools.

(e) & (f): Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, special training centres are run as bridging programmes for children who are out of school, to enable them to mainstream into age appropriate classes in regular schools. Some Non-Governmental Organisations are engaged by State Governments/UT's to run the special training centres. No data base is maintained centrally.