

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

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ENROLMENT OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS .
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a provision for cent per cent enrolment of children between the age group of 6-14 years in schools under the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009;
- (b) if so, the name of the States which have achieved cent per cent target in compliance of the said provision, State-wise;
- (c) whether any survey to identify the unenrolled/dropouts has been conducted to re-enroll/re-unite them with schools during the last two years;
- (d) if so, the number of children identified, State-wise; and
- (e) whether any action plan has been chalked out to ensure the enrolment of students in schools including middle schools and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 mandates free and compulsory education for all children in the age group of 6-14 years in a neighbourhood school till the completion of elementary education of satisfactory and equitable quality. Andaman Nicobar Island and Lakshadweep are the two UTs which have reported universal enrolment and there are 20 States/UTs where number of out of school children is less than one percent of the total child population. The State-wise status of out of school children, as assessed by the States for the year 2014 is at Annexure-I.

(e): SSA framework for implementation provides a number of incentives to encourage enrolment and retention of children in schools. These include inter alia, opening of new schools, provision of free text books and uniforms, gender sensitization of teachers and interventions to improve quality of learning outcomes. Since, inception of SSA programme, 3.1 lakh schools, 18.57 lakh additional classrooms, 2.36 lakh drinking water facilities, 9.18 lakh toilets and 19.84 lakh post of teacher posts have been sanctioned under SSA. Against these 2.76 lakh schools, 15.87 lakh additional classrooms, 2.23 lakh drinking water facilities, 7.83 lakh toilets have been completed and also 15.06 lakh teachers recruited. The Mid-day-Meal programme also plays a important role in enrolment and retention of children.