

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

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ENROLMENT IN SCHOOLS

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

- (a) whether there is considerable variation across States in the percentage of enrolled students who are attending school on any given day during the school year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is a need for a clear shift in strategy from a focus on inputs and increasing access and enrolment to teaching-learning process and its improvement in order to ensure adequate and appropriate learning outcome;
- (d) if so, whether there is a need to set up transparent and reliable systems for tracking attendance throughout the school year; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to set up a transparent and reliable systems for tracking attendance across the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : As per the independent study commissioned by Govt. of India conducted through Development & Research Services (DRS), Delhi, the national average of student attendance rate at primary level is 76.1% and 77.9% at upper primary level. The state-wise details of student attendance rate at primary & upper primary level during 2012-13 is at Annexure.

(c): Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, there is a considerable focus on improving the quality and learning level of the children. Pade Bharat Bade Bharat has been launched as a sub programme under the SSA to improve foundational learning levels in class I & II, as well as focused programme to improve Science & Mathematics at upper primary level. Under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) too, regular teacher training, use of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) and focus on Science and Mathematics are being implemented to improve learning standards.

(d) & (e): In the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) for the year 2015-16, a provision for tracking student attendance through biometric system has been made on pilot basis across the State/UTs.