

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey with regard to enrolment of girls between the age group of 9 to 16 years in attaining school education;
- (b) if so, the details and the findings thereof;
- (c) whether the gap in enrolment of children in Government and private schools has since widened and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of those States where the number of school going girls has declined; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve enrolment of girl child in schools?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Gross Enrolment Ratio of girls as per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) 2013-14 is 102.65% at primary, 92.75% at upper primary and 76.47% at secondary level. At elementary level majority of children's enrolment remains in the government sector.

The State-wise details of enrolment of girls at primary, upper primary and secondary level in 2012-13 and 2013-14 is at Annexure.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), are programmes for universalisation of elementary and secondary education respectively, which have targeted interventions for girls. SSA strategies for promotion of girls education include inter-alia, opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, appointment of additional teachers including women teachers, free textbooks, free uniforms, separate toilets for girls, teachers' sensitization programmes to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching-learning materials including textbooks. In addition, The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have been opened in educationally backward blocks where the female rural literacy rate is below the national average, to provide residential upper primary schools for girls from SC/ST/OBC/Muslim and BPL families.

The RMSA provides for strengthening of secondary schools and opening of new schools, additional teachers, residential quarters for teachers in remote/hilly areas, girls hostels in educationally backward blocks, gender sensitization of teachers and separate toilet blocks for girls, girls activity room in schools etc. The National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE) seeks to reduce drop-outs and promote enrolment of girls especially those belonging to SC/ST communities, by providing funds for a fixed deposit at class IX level. In addition, exemption from paying tuition fee in Kendriya Vidyalayas, and 33% reservation for girls in Navodaya Vidyalayas, have also been implemented.