

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is paying special attention to map the progress of girls education throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has launched a web based Digital Gender Atlas in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the feedback on the use of said web based Digital Gender Atlas from the States, districts, block education administrators, NGOs, etc.?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Enabling and encouraging girls education through the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan has borne good results wherein girls enrollment and retention in schools has improved. In order to map the progress of Girls' Education throughout the country, a Digital Gender Atlas for Advancing Girls' Education in India has been prepared which was launched on the occasion of International Women's Day on 08.03.2015.

The Gender Atlas uses geographical representation and numeric data at state, district and block levels and gives information on key indicators for girls' education at primary, upper primary and secondary level for three years. It will help in identification of low performing geographic pockets for girls, particularly from marginalized groups such as scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and Muslim minorities, on specific gender related education indicators.