

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Dropout Rate among EWS Students
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the dropout rate of students belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to reduce dropout rates;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to link milestones achieved in admission of students of EWS to grants and support received under the Swachh School Abhiyan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) As per the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), the average annual dropout rates of children, including of Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) children, at primary & upper primary level during 2012-13 are 5.62% & 2.65%, and during 2013-14 these are 4.67% & 3.13% respectively. The annual average dropout rate of EWS children is not captured separately under UDISE.

(b) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programmes provide for a multi-pronged approach to reduce check dropout rate amongst children, including the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) students, inter-alia through enhancing access to primary & upper primary schools, strengthening school infrastructure like school building, additional classrooms, toilets, drinking water facilities etc., improving the pupil teachers ratio, strategies for gender positive textbooks, gender sensitization of teachers and educational administrators. The mid-day meal programme is also implemented in elementary schools, to help retain children in schools.

To ensure quality outcomes in government schools, the Central Government through SSA has supported State / UTs on early grade reading, writing & comprehension and early mathematics programmes through a sub-programme namely "Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat" and at upper primary level support for Mathematics and Science teaching learning. The Ministry has also launched Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan programme as sub-component of SSA and RMSA to motivate and engage children of the age group of from 6 to 18 years in Science, Mathematics and Technology through observation, experimentation inference drawing, model building etc. both through inside and outside classroom activities and processes.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.
