

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

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Education of Women/Girls

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to promote education among women/girls in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government for improving the education of women and girls during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the total funds sanctioned/released/spent during the said period, State-wise; and
- (e) the result achieved in this regard so far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
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(a) to (e): The Government has initiated a number of schemes to promote education among women and girls in the country. To encourage the participation of all girls at elementary level, the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for the opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, the 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 and the scheme of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas as residential upper primary schools for girls belonging to SC/ST/Minority Communities, BPL families and girls in difficult circumstances.

Under the Rashtriya Madyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) interventions to promote girls participation in secondary schools include the opening of new schools, the strengthening of existing schools, the appointment of teachers, the construction of residential quarters for teachers in remote/hilly areas, hostel facilities for girls, teacher sensitization programmes and separate toilet blocks for girls. In addition, the National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE), exemption from paying tuition fee in Kendriya Vidyalayas, and 33% reservation for girls in Navodaya Vidyalayas, are also being implemented.

Mahila Samakhya is an ongoing scheme for women's empowerment that was initiated in 1989 to translate the goals of the National Policy on Education into a concrete programme for the education and empowerment of women particularly those from socially and economically marginalized groups. This scheme is being implemented in 130 districts in eleven states viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand.

Udaan is an initiative of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to promote educational opportunities for girls students. It has been designed to provide a comprehensive platform to deserving girls students who aspire to pursue higher education in engineering, and assist them to prepare for the IIT JJE by studying in classes XI & XII.

Saakshar Bharat programme is being implemented in the country with the objective of imparting functional literacy and numeracy to non-literate and non-numerate adults and covers 393 districts of the country. Under Saakshar Bharat a district that has adult female literacy of 50% or below as per 2001, is eligible for coverage.

In order to enhance women enrolment in Higher Education, Central Government has launched several schemes including Construction of women's hostels, Capacity building of women managers in Higher Education, Indira Gandhi Post Graduate scheme of single girl child, and Post-Doctoral Fellowships for Women. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Scholarship for Girls under Providing Assistance to Girls' Advancement in Technical Education Initiative (PRAGATI) Scheme envisages selection of one girls per family where family income is less than 6 lakhs per annum on merit at the qualifying examination to pursue technical education. The scholarship amount is ₹ 30,000/- or tuition fees or actual whichever is less and ₹ 2,000/- per month for 10 months as contingency allowance.

The funds released and expenditure incurred under SSA, RMSA, NSIGSE, Mahila Samakhya, Saakshar Bharat & Construction of Women's Hostels in Polytechnics programmes are at Annexure.

The enrolment of girls has been steadily increasing and the dropout rates are declining at all stages of education. As per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 2013-14, the Gross Enrolment Ratio for girls is 102.65% at primary level, 92.75% at upper primary level, 76.47% at secondary level and 51.58% at higher secondary level. The average Annual Drop-out Rate for girls is 4.66% at primary level, 4.01% at upper primary level and 14.54 at secondary level. Similarly the Transition Rate of girls is 89.76% from primary to upper primary level, 89.68% from elementary to secondary level and 69.30% from secondary to higher secondary level.

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