

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

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

- (a) the number of children admitted to schools after implementation of the Right to Education Act, vis-a-vis prior to its implementation;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the enrolment ratio at Secondary and Higher Secondary level is decreasing constantly;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) : As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), the enrolment of children at elementary level during 2009-10 was 18.79 crore which increased to 19.89 during 2013-14.

(b)&(c): The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at secondary level has increased from 62.90% in 2009-10 to 76.64% during 2013-14 and GER at senior secondary level have increased 36.1% to 52.21% during the same period.

(d): The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programmes provide a number of incentives to encourage enrolment and retention of children in schools. These includes enhancing access to primary, upper primary & secondary schools, strengthening school infrastructure like school building, additional classrooms, laboratories, libraries, arts & craft rooms, toilets, drinking water facilities etc., improving the teachers pupil ratio as well as strategies for gender positive textbooks, gender sensitization of teachers and educational administrators, in service training of teachers, ICT enabled education. SSA programme also provide for free textbooks and two sets of uniform for children at elementary level. 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.

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