

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) Whether the Statistics on Elementary Education in India for 2013-14 has been released in the recent past;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the criteria adopted for deriving such statistics;
- (d) the manner in which Elementary Education and Educational Development Index has registered growth as compared to previous years; and
- (e) the effective steps taken by the Government to improve the overall situation in educationally backward States in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): Yes Madam, the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) 2013-14 has been published by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) which is available on the website [www.dise.in](http://www.dise.in). The UDISE statistics are based on data furnished by schools every year as on 30th September of the concerned year. The UDISE data shows an increase in elementary Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) to 97, reduction in elementary drop out rate to 4.67% and improved national pupil teacher ratio of 26:1.

Based on the UDISE data, Educational Development Index (EDI) has been developed by NUEPA, which publishes State wise inter-se rankings. From 2012-13, 18 States have improved their ranking in 2013-14.

The Central Government, through the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) supports States/UTs to improve education which include inter alia opening of new schools; provision of infrastructure including additional class rooms, toilets and drinking water, additional teachers for maintaining pupil teacher ratio, free text books, free uniforms, in service teacher training, special training for mainstreaming out of school children etc.