

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

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WORLD BANK REPORT ON STUDENT LEARNING
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a new World Bank Report on Student Learning in South Asia has attributed the poor quality of education in South Asia as a major obstacle to the regions` future economic prospects;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the report;
- (c) whether the report has also given its recommendations that the Government must focus on improving the quality of education in schools;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has studied the said report; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): World Bank Report on Student Learning in South Asia enumerates gains in net enrolments and reduction in out of school children, especially girls, in the region. The Report also states that learning outcomes and average level of skill acquisition are low and are a constraint to acceleration of economic development.

The report recommends early childhood nutrition; teachers to be made more effective and accountable; decentralization reforms; improving systems to assess progress in student learning etc; these being suggestions which have already been incorporated into mainstream schemes of the Government.