

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

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DECLINE IN LEARNING LEVELS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of decline in learning levels in the school education and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the dropout rate is very high after elementary level particularly in the Government schools across the country except Kendriya Vidyalayas and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether education standard in the Government schools is very low while that of KVs is highest and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether students particularly belonging to poor families do not get admission in KVs and the Central Government has issued instructions to all the Government schools authorities to follow KVs pattern; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) conducts detailed periodic national surveys on learning achievement levels of children in classes – III, V and VIII. Three rounds of these National Learners' Achievement Surveys have been completed by the NCERT over the period from 2002-03 to 2012-2013, which have revealed improvements in the overall learning levels of students, even though achievements remain low. However, the survey does not include Kendriya Vidyalayas. Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) also admit students from disadvantaged groups and weaker sections under section 12(1)(c) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory (RTE) Act, 2009. Annual average dropout rates has been declining for primary level from 5.62 in 2012-13 to 4.67 in 2013-14 and has increased for upper primary level from 2.65 in 2012-13 to 3.13 in 2013-14. 61.32% enrolment at elementary level continues to be in government schools.