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Title: Issue regarding increasing number of school drop-outs in Karnataka.

SHRI P.C. MOHAN (BANGALORE CENTRAL): Hon. Deputy Speaker Sir, Karnataka is facing an alarming situation with reference to school drop-outs or out-of-school children to the tune of 67 per cent. The number of school drop-outs has increased to 1,81,000 in 2014 from 1,08,000 in 2009 which has resulted in pushing Karnataka to 4<sup>th</sup> position from 6<sup>th</sup> position. The Karnataka Government was pulled up by the hon. High Court for its inability to handle the problem and was also criticized for submitting the wrong figures.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: You should come to the point. Don't make any allegation.

SHRI P.C. MOHAN : Sir, the reason cited by the experts for school drop-outs were poverty, migration and Government's apathy. The disbursement of free text-books both for private and public schools and proper implementation of mid-day meal scheme can prevent drop-outs to some extent. I request the hon. HRD Minister to announce adequate funds for the State of Karnataka and advise the State Government to implement these steps properly.