

Girls Education

6994. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of drop out of girls in the Government schools at primary and middle classes stages;

(b) whether Government are considering to launch a new scheme to encourage girls education to reduce the drop outs;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) According to the latest information with the Ministry (1985-86) drop out rate at primary and Middle School levels is as follows:

Classes I — V	—	50.27%
Classes I — VIII	—	70.04%

(b) and (c). There is no specific proposal under consideration of the Central Government to launch any new scheme. However, special measures have been taken by Central and State Governments to encourage the enrolment and retention of girls in school and these include:

- (i) provision of incentives such as text books, uniforms, attendance scholarships and mid-day meals;
- (ii) provision of support services for early childhood care through schemes such as Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Creche Scheme, etc. to enable girls to go to school;
- (iii) increase in the number of women teachers;

(iv) provision of girls' centres for non-formal and part-time education for girls who cannot participate in whole-day education;

(v) provision of separate toilet facilities for boys and girls in primary schools as part of the programme of Operation Blackboard;

(vi) A large programme of adult literacy, with the aim, inter-alia, of changing parents' perception towards girls' education;

Employment under Special Drive Recruitment for SC/ST from Kerala

6995. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes candidates from Kerala employed during 1989-90 under special recruitment drive;

(b) whether Government propose to continue the drive during 1990-91 also; and

(c) if so, the target fixed and expected to be achieved?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) A total number of 31243 candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were offered appointment under various Ministries/Departments of the Government including Railways, as a result of the Special Recruitment Drive carried out in 1989. Statewise break up of candidates selected has not been maintained.

(b) and (c). Yes Sir, it is proposed to carry out a similar drive during 1990, the target being to fill up reserved vacancies lying unfilled as on 31.3.1990.