

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey on the outcome of elementary education campaign;
- (b) if so, the details of findings thereof;
- (c) the reaction of the Government to the findings of the survey that boys and girls within the age group of 7-10 could not read words and 60 per cent could not write sample sentences;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce a `system of citizens` audit for getting better results in the field; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (e): The National Council for Educational Research & Training (NCERT) conducted a national survey on "Learning Achievement of Students at the end of Class V" in 2002 whose report shows that the mean achievement of students in Language, Mathematics & Environmental Studies at the national level is 58.57%, 46.51% and 50.30% respectively. There is a provision for conducting periodic national surveys to assess progress in students learning achievement levels, under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme.

Pratham, a non-governmental organization has brought out an Annual Status of Education Report which brings out learning levels of children in the 7-14 years age group. This is an independent effort.

Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, to overcome the barriers hindering learning achievement levels of students, several activities have been undertaken to improve the quality of elementary education. This includes recruitment of 4.92 lakh additional teachers to improve the pupil teacher ratio, in service training of about 30 lakh teachers for a period of 20 days each year, free distribution of text books for primary and upper primary classes to about 5.02 crore SC, ST and girl students, regular academic support to primary and upper primary schools through 7422 Block Resource Centres and 70735 Cluster Resource Centres, regular evaluation of students and monitoring of school performance.