

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DROPOUT RATE AMONG GIRLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the dropout rate of girl students at middle school level has increased during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check dropout rate of girl students?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As per the District Information System for Education (DISE), the average annual drop-out rate among girl students at upper primary level has decreased to 4.01% in 2013-14 from 6.08% in 2011-12.

(c) The Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme provides for a multi-pronged approach to check drop out amongst girls through inter-alia, enhancing access to primary & upper primary schools by opening schools within 1 Km. & 3 Km. respectively, strengthening school infrastructure especially girls toilets, improving the teachers pupil ratio, providing incentives like free textbooks, uniforms, as well as strategies for gender positive textbooks, gender sensitization of teachers and educational administrators. In addition, 3602 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas or residential schools for girls at upper primary level in educationally backward blocks of the country, have been set up. The mid-day meal programme is also implemented in elementary schools, to help retain children in schools, including girls.