

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
POLICY TO ACHIEVE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL .

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to have a forward looking policy to improve the nature, quality and access to education to achieve the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of education for all by 2015;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the progress made so far in this direction especially in Andhra Pradesh for the people like muslim minorities, SCs, STs, and OBCs; and
- (d) the funds released in this direction so far to achieve the MDG?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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(a) and (b) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to improve access, enrolment, equity and quality of education to all children in the age group of six to fourteen, through various initiatives, including the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Mid Day Meal Scheme and the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Teacher Education. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 was enacted in August, 2009 to provide for free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of six to fourteen years.

(c) The achievements in elementary education are indicated below.

Indicator	2001-02	2006-07
Gross Enrolment Ratio (classes I - VIII)	82.4	96.92
Dropout Rate (classes I- VIII)	54.6	46.03
No. of out-of-school children (in crore)	3.20	0.45 (in 2008)
Gender Parity Index (class I - VIII)	0.81	0.92
Access to primary school (within 1 km)	86.96% (in 2002)	99% (in 2008)
Access to upper primary school (within 3 km)	78.11% (in 2002)	90% (in 2008)

Gross Enrolment Ratio (classes I - VIII) for SCs	85.6	105.69
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Gross Enrolment Ratio (classes I - VIII) for STs	88.9	109.48
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In respect of Andhra Pradesh the achievements are as under :

Indicator	2001-02	2006-07
Gross Enrolment Ratio (classes I - VIII)	82.47	88.13
Dropout Rate (classes I- VIII)	63.09	56.74
Gender Parity Index (class I - VIII)	0.81	0.99
Gross Enrolment Ratio (classes I - VIII) for SCs	97.07	94.57
Gross Enrolment Ratio (classes I - VIII) for STs	83.58	94.44

Information on the above indicators in respect of Muslims minorities and OBCs is not maintained centrally.

(d) The expenditure incurred by the Central Government during the last two years is as under

(in Rs crore)

Scheme	2007-08	2008-09
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan	11,477.39	12,643.17
Mid Day Meal Scheme	5,835.44	6,688.02
Teacher Education Scheme	315.00	253.71