

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2828
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017

Female Students under SSA

2828. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of female students enrolled in schools under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has increased during the past three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the percentage of female students enrolled in such schools, State/UT-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons behind poor enrolment of female students in such schools and the details of steps being taken by the Government to address this issue;
- (d) whether any incidents of caste and gender discrimination under the SSA scheme have been reported; and
- (e) if so, the details of such incidents as well as steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address such incidents?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

(a) to (c) : The female students enrolled in schools under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for the past three years are as under:-

Year	I-V (Primary)		VI-VIII (Upper Primary)	
	Number	%	Number	%
2013-14	63836863	48.20	32343903	48.66
2014-15	62892034	48.19	32663923	48.63
2015-16	62249548	48.21	32873623	48.63

The above enrolment figures show an increasing percentage share in overall enrolment both in primary and upper primary level. The State and UT wise details are at Annexure.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Scheme has targeted interventions for girls which include opening of schools in the neighborhood to make access easier for girls, appointment of additional teachers including female teachers, free textbooks, free uniforms, separate toilets for girls, teacher sensitization programmes to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching-learning materials including textbooks, residential hostels in habitations unserved by regular schools and also for children without adult protection. In addition Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) have been opened in Educationally Backward Blocks where the female rural literacy is below the national average to provide for residential upper primary schools for girls.

(d) and (e): Whenever any complaint regarding caste and gender discrimination is received by the Central Government, it is sent to the concerned State Government with a request to enquire and take prompt action on the matter.

The Government of India has issued guidelines dated 26th October, 2012 to all States/UTs for implementation of clause (c) of Section 8 and 9 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 regarding non-discrimination of children belonging to disadvantaged groups and weaker sections in schools, requesting the State Governments and local authorities to take appropriate steps to ensure that all schools adhere to these guidelines.

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan includes strategies to provide teacher training to sensitize teachers on inclusion and non-discrimination and training of Headmasters/Principals for School Leadership so that they help establish inclusive schools. Curriculum and textbooks also emphasize value of equity and inclusion. Grievance redressal systems from grass root level to the National Council for Protection of Child Rights have also been set up by the State and Central Government to deal with such issues, under the RTE Act.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) and (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2828 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th MARCH, 2017 ASKED BY SHRI FERAZ VARUN GANDHI REGARDING “FEMALE STUDENTS UNDER SSA”

State/UT	Number			Percentage		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
A & N Islands	25228	24913	24564	48.8	49.0	49.1
Andhra Pradesh	5400930	2875032	2711102	48.7	48.4	48.3
Arunachal Pradesh	160236	160667	159128	49.3	49.4	49.3
Assam	2918509	2942141	2727655	50.3	50.3	50.2
Bihar	10570351	11016304	11667789	49.8	49.8	49.8
Chandigarh	73790	74046	73130	45.8	46.1	46.3
Chhattisgarh	2253373	2228425	2185121	49.1	49.0	49.0
D & N Haveli	27323	27037	27572	46.5	46.5	46.8
Daman & Diu	12912	12930	12995	45.9	45.9	46.4
Delhi	1356479	1392564	1404158	46.4	46.6	46.7
Goa	94462	94105	93982	47.7	47.9	47.9
Gujarat	4250558	4222031	4217062	46.1	46.2	46.4
Haryana	1798360	1795931	1694202	45.5	45.4	45.4
Himachal Pradesh	459438	456418	452717	47.4	47.6	47.6
Jammu & Kashmir	875975	882161	886199	47.6	47.6	47.7
Jharkhand	3266556	3224613	3217775	49.3	49.3	49.3
Karnataka	4019907	4037454	4034327	48.3	48.4	48.4
Kerala	1998304	1975488	1959627	48.7	48.8	48.8
Lakshadweep	4144	3950	3724	50.0	50.1	49.2
Madhya Pradesh	7053474	6468979	6099329	48.3	47.9	47.6
Maharashtra	7564049	7576418	7519261	46.8	46.8	46.9
Manipur	273604	251937	248684	49.8	49.6	49.5
Meghalaya	376083	383807	393293	51.0	50.7	50.7
Mizoram	105332	103220	103263	48.3	48.2	48.2
Nagaland	202697	173596	171460	49.2	49.0	49.0
Odisha	3095017	3089318	3058382	48.5	48.4	48.3
Puducherry	84669	83264	82340	48.6	48.5	48.6
Punjab	1794744	1807399	1787164	44.7	44.9	45.1
Rajasthan	5650021	5508547	5687861	46.0	45.8	46.1
Sikkim	58899	54154	51351	49.0	48.9	48.8
Tamil Nadu	4572995	4505661	4503530	48.7	48.7	48.8
Telangana	0	2393050	2428321		48.6	48.5
Tripura	289289	283210	279322	49.0	49.1	49.0
Uttar Pradesh	18007375	18102230	17895397	49.0	49.1	49.1
Uttarakhand	810794	810704	811764	47.6	47.5	47.4
West Bengal	6665889	6514253	6449590	50.2	50.1	50.0
All States	96180766	95555957	95123171	48.4	48.3	48.4

Source: UDISE

Data for 2015-16 is Provisional