

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3723
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2018**

Goals of SSA

3723. SHRI DILIP PATEL:

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

- (a) whether bridging gender and social category gaps in elementary education is one of the goals of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the extent to which this gap has been narrowed so far;
- (c) whether SSA has identified Special Focus Districts and if so, the districts identified in the country State/UT-wise including Gujarat; and
- (d) the steps taken so far to improve the position of education for girls and children belonging to disadvantaged groups?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Bridging gender and social category gaps in elementary education is one of the major goals of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). Consequently, SSA attempts to reach out to girls and children belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Muslims and other marginalised communities. SSA has also given attention to urban deprived children, children affected by periodic migration, and children living in remote and scattered habitations.

Under the SSA, the districts with high concentration of population of SCs, STs and Muslims have been identified as Special Focus Districts (SFDs). The criteria for identifying the SFDs in case of SCs and STs is a population of 25% and above, while for Muslims, it is 20% and above population. SFDs also include 121 districts identified by Ministry of Minority Affairs to monitor implementation of SSA as part of Prime Minister's 15 Point Programme and 88 districts identified by Ministry of Home Affairs as districts affected with Left Wing Extremism (LWE).

Through the interventions made under SSA in SFDs, at the national level the enrolment share of SC children as per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), 2015-16, at primary and upper primary level is 19.94% and 19.49% respectively, whereas their share in population is 16.6% (as per Census 2011). Similarly, the enrolment share of ST children at primary and upper primary level as per UDISE 2015-16, is 10.64% and 9.81% respectively, whereas their share in population is 8.6% (as per Census 2011). The enrolment of girls also shows considerable improvement over the years and it increased to 48.21% in 2015-16 from 47.79% in 2005-06 at primary level and at upper primary level it increased to 48.63% in 2015-16 from 48.20% in 2005-06. As per the findings of National Achievement Surveys conducted by the National Council of Educational Research & Training, the SC/ST children have performed better than the national average in Language, Maths, Science and Social Science, in many of the States.

(c): A total of 323 districts under one or more of the above categories have been identified as SFDs under SSA. State/UT-wise details are at Annexure.

(d): Universal enrolment at elementary level is the primary goal of SSA. It has provided 2.04 lakh primary and 1.59 lakh upper primary schools for ensuring universal provisioning of schooling facilities. Preference for opening of school is given to tribal areas, and areas with high concentration of SC, ST and minority population.

Besides, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs), which are upper primary residential schools for girls belonging predominantly to the SC, ST, Other Backward Caste and minorities, have played an important role in furthering the goal of girls' education in educationally backward blocks of the country. Under the SSA, provisions have also been made for residential schools/hostels for children living in sparsely populated areas, children living in areas where schools cannot be opened due to unavailability of land and children in need of care and protection.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3723 ASKED BY SHRI DILIP PATEL, TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018 REGARDING “GOALS OF SSA”**

Sl. No.	State/UT	SFDs	Total
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Andaman, Nicobar	2
2.	Andhra Pradesh	East Godavari, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram	4
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Anjaw, Changlang, East Kameng, East Siang, Lower Subansiri, Papum Pare, Tawang, Tirap, Upper Siang, Upper Subansiri, West Kameng, West Siang	12
4.	Assam	Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Cachar, Darrang, Dhubri, Goalpara, Haikandi, Kamrup, Karbi Anglong, Karimganj, Kokrajhar, Morigaon, Nagaon, Nalbari, North Cachar Hills	15
5.	Bihar	Araria, Arwal, Aurangabad, Darbhanga, East Champaran, Gaya, Jamui, Jehanabad, Kaimur, Katihar, Kishanganj, Munger, Nawada, Purnea, Rohtas, Sitamarhi, West Champaran	17
6.	Chhattisgarh	Balrampur, Bastar, Bijapur, Bilaspur, Dantewara, Gariaband, Jashpur, Kanker, Kondagaon, Korba, Koriya, Kowardha, Narayanpur, Rajnandgaon, Sarguja, Sukma	16
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
8.	Delhi	Central Delhi, North East	2
9.	Goa	South Goa	1
10.	Gujarat	Bharuch, Dahod, Dangs, Kachchh, Narmada, Panchmahals, Vadodara, Valsad	8
11.	Haryana	Ambala, Fatehabad, Mewat (Gurgaon), Sirsa	4
12.	Himachal Pradesh	Bilaspur, Kinnaur, Kullu, Lahaul & Spiti, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmour, Una	8
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	Anantnag, Baramullah, Budgam, Doda, Kargil, Kupwara, Leh (Laddakh), Palwama, Poonch, Rajouri, Srinagar, Udhampur	12
14.	Jharkhand	Bokaro, Chatra, Dumka, East Singhbhum, Garhwa, Giridih, Godda, Gumla, Hazaribag, Kodarma, Khunti, Latehar, Lohardagga, Pakur, Palamau, Ramgarh, Ranchi, Sahebganj, Saraikela, Simdega, West Singhbhum	21
15.	Karnataka	Bidar, Dakshin Kannad, Gulbarga, Kolar	4
16.	Kerala	Allappuzha, Ernakulam, Iddukki, Kannur, Kasargod, Kollam, Kottayam, Kozhikode, Mallapuram, Palakkad, Patthanamthitta, Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur, Wayanad	14
17.	Lakshadweep	Lakshadweep	1

18.	Madhya Pradesh	Anoop Pur, Balaghat, Barwani, Betul, Bhopal, Chhindwara, Dhar, Dindori, East Nimar (Khandawa), Harda, Jhabua, Mandla, Ratlam, Seoni, Shahdol, Sheopur, Sidhi, Singrauli, Umaria, Vidisha, West Nimer (Khargone)	21
19.	Maharashtra	Akola, Amravati, Aurangabad, Bhandara, Buldana, Chandrapur, Dhule, Gadchiroli, Gondiya, Hingoli, Mumbai, Mumbai (Suburban), Nandurbar, Parbhani, Washim	15
20.	Manipur	Chandel, Churachandpur, Senapati (Excl. 3 sub divisions), Tamenglong, Thoubal, Ukhrul	6
21.	Meghalaya	East Garo Hills, East Khasi Hills, Jaintia Hills, Ri Bhoi, South Garo Hills, West Garo Hills, West Khasi Hills	7
22.	Mizoram	Aizawal, Champhai, Kolasib, Lawngtlai , Lunglei , Mamit, Saiha (chhimtuipui), Serchhip	8
23.	Nagaland	Dimapur, Kiphire, Kohima, Longleng, Mokokchung, Mon, Peren, Phek, Tuensang, Wokha, Zunheboto	11
24.	Odhisia	Bolangir, Deogarh, Gajapati, Ganjam, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Keonjhar, Koraput, Jajpur, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nawarangpur, Nuapada, Nayagarh, Rayagada, Sambalpur, Sonapur, Sundergarh	18
25.	Punjab	Amritsar, Bathinda, Faridkot, Fatehgarh Sahib, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Mansa, Moga, Muktsar, Nawanshahar, Sangrur	12
26.	Puducherry	Mahe	1
27.	Rajasthan	Banswara, Dungarpur, Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Jaisalmer, Sawai Madhopur, Udaipur	7
28.	Sikkim	East Sikkim, West Sikkim, North Sikkim, South Sikkim	4
29.	Tamil Nadu	Cuddalore, Kancheepuram, Kannayakumari, Nagapattinam, Perambalur, The Nilgiris, Thiruvarur, Villupuram	8
30.	Telangana	Adilabad, Hyderabad, Khammam, Karimnagar, Warangal	5
31.	Tripura	Dhalai	1
32.	Uttarakhand	Bageshwar, Haridwar (Roorkee), Udham Singh Nagar	3
33.	Uttar Pradesh	Auraiya, Azamgarh, Badaun, Baghpat, Bahraich, Balrampur, Barabanki, Bareilly, Bijnaur, Bulandahahar, Chitrakoot, Chandauli, Fatehpur, Ghaziabad, Hardoi, Hathras, J.P. Nagar, Jalaun, Jhansi, Kaushambi, Khiri, Lucknow, Mahoba, Meerut, Mirzapur, Moradabad, Muzaffarnagar, Pillibhit, Rae Bareilly, Rampur, Saharanpur, Sant Kabir Nagar, Shahjahanpur, Shrawasti, Sidharth Nagar, Sitapur, Sonbhadra, Unnao	38
34.	West Bengal	Bankura, Bardhaman, Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Howrah, Jalpaiguri, Kolkatta, Kooch Bihar, Malda, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Medinipur, Purulia, South 24 Parganas, Uttar Dinajpur	16
		Total	323