

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5615**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018**

**Gross Access Ratio**

5615. DR. BHAGIRATH PRASAD:

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

- (a) the Gross Access Ratio under the universalisation of secondary education in the country;
- (b) the number of students who reach class 9th and 10th; and
- (c) the causes of dropouts and the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) As per information provided by States/UTs in their Annual Work Plan & Budget 2017-18, the Gross Access Ratio at secondary level is 86.48%.

(b) As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) 2015-16, the transition rate from class VIII to class IX is 90.62% and 3.91 crore students are enrolled at secondary level.

(c) The major reasons for drop-out of students at secondary stage of education are lack of transportation facilities, migration of parents, illiteracy of parents, socio-economic factors, engagement of children in work, early marriage, adolescence issues, engaging the girl child in household work and sibling care, societal attitude towards girls education, lack of understanding of medium of instruction etc.

The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme has one of the objectives to reduce dropout rate of students at secondary stage. The scheme provides for improving access by establishing new secondary schools and strengthening of existing secondary schools by providing additional classrooms, science laboratory, library, computer rooms, art/craft/culture rooms, toilets, drinking water facilities etc, to reduce dropout and to increase enrolment rate especially of students of SC, ST, Minority and girls at secondary stage. Interventions like survey and identification of out of school children, awareness programme, special teaching for learning enhancement, etc. are also supported under RMSA.

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