

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1207
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019
Enrollment of Children

1207. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

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

- (a) the measures being taken by the Government to bring the children within the age group of 6-14 years to schools specially in rural areas;
- (b) the funds sanctioned/released for the projects/schemes to ensure the enrollment of more children of this age group in schools during the period; and
- (c) the comparative report about out of schools children during last five years, State-wise and Year-wise specially for the State of Assam?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (b): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 provides for access to elementary schools for children of the age group of 6-14 years, within the defined area or limits of neighbourhood. In pursuance of Section 6 of the Act, the Central RTE Rules has notified the area or limits of neighbourhood as one kilometre, within which a primary school and 3 kilometre within which an upper primary school, has to be established. The States have notified area or limits of their neighbourhood norms in their state RTE Rules, factoring in their State specific condition, for opening of schools. As reported by States/UTs in their Annual Work Plan, 2018-19, 97.15% of habitations in the country are covered by primary schools and 96.49% of habitations are covered by upper primary schools. The habitations that remain uncovered are mostly small or sparsely populated in difficult areas where opening of school is not feasible for which there is a provision of giving transport and escort facility and opening of residential schools and hostels.

In addition, Section 12 (1)(c) of the Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 provides for admission of children belonging to disadvantaged groups (DG)

and economically weaker sections (EWS) in private unaided schools to the extent of at least 25 percent of the strength of class I or below.

Samagra Shiksha- an integrated scheme for School Education envisages school education as a continuum from pre-school to senior secondary level and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to States and UTs for undertaking various activities to reduce number of out of school children including opening/upgradation of new schools upto senior secondary level, strengthening of infrastructure of existing schools, construction of school buildings & additional classrooms, setting up, up-gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV), setting up of residential schools/hostels, provision of free uniforms and free text books and undertaking enrolment & retention drives. Further, special training for age appropriate admission of out of school and residential as well as non-residential training for older children, seasonal hostels / residential camps, special training centres at worksites, transport/ escort facility are also supported to bring out of school children to the formal schooling system. Also, mid-day meal is provided to students at the elementary level of education. Further, under the student oriented component for the children with special needs, financial assistance is provided for identification and assessment of children with special needs, aids and appliances, braille kits and books, appropriate teaching learning material and stipend to girl students with disability etc.

(c): Ministry of Human Resource Development conducts periodic surveys to estimate out of school children. The last such survey to estimate out of school children in the age group of 6-13 years was conducted in 2014. The State-wise detail is at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1207 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL REGARDING "ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN"

Out of School Children as per Independent Survey

S. No.	States/UTs	2014
1	A&N Islands	1015
2	Andhra Pradesh	107829
3	Arunachal Pradesh	6517
4	Assam	157813
5	Bihar	1169722
6	Chandigarh	1090
7	Chhattisgarh	167072
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	745
9	Daman & Diu	421
10	Delhi	85084
11	Goa	0
12	Gujarat	159308
13	Haryana	43879
14	Himachal Pradesh	2176
15	Jammu & Kashmir	45468
16	Jharkhand	140426
17	Karnataka	122139
18	Kerala	33161
19	Lakshadweep	267
20	Madhya Pradesh	450952
21	Maharashtra	145326
22	Manipur	7037
23	Meghalaya	17237
24	Mizoram	972
25	Nagaland	2896
26	Odisha	401052
27	Puducherry	285
28	Punjab	91578
29	Rajasthan	601863
30	Sikkim	535
31	Tamil Nadu	57529
32	Tripura	4518
33	Uttar Pradesh	1612285
34	Uttarakhand	86794
35	West Bengal	339239
Total		6064229

Source: IMRB Survey, 2014