

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 179  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020**

**Out of School Students**

179. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) the number of out-of-school children in the age group of 3-18 years in the country, gender-wise;
- (b) the reasons for a large number of children eligible under Right to Education to free and compulsory education for not being enrolled in educational institutions;
- (c) whether the Government has included any provisions in the New Education Policy to tackle the above problem; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (d): Ministry of Human Resource Development has commissioned three independent surveys through Indian Market Research Bureau (IMRB) to estimate out of school children in the country in the years 2005, 2009 and 2014. The Survey of Out of School Children in 6-13 years age group conducted in 2014 revealed that there were 60.64 lakh out of school children in this age group in which 31.66 lakhs are male children and 28.98 lakhs are female children. The major reasons for out of school children reported in the survey are poverty/economic reason, child not interested in studies, child suffering with some disability or poor health, child too young to be attending school, child needed to help in domestic work, education not considered necessary by the parents or Head of the household etc.

Draft National Education Policy envisages to achieve access and quality school education for all children in the age group of 3 to 18 years.

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