Written Answers to Starred & Unstarred	[6 MAY 2008]		Questions for 179 5th May 2008		
1 2	3	4	5	6	7
6. NIT-Hamirpur	203	_	22	2	227
7. MNIT-Jaipur	240		37		277
8. NIT-Jalandhar	182	_	27	106	315
9. NIT-Jamshedpur	256	_	4	_	260
10. NIT-Kurukshetra	286		183		469
11. VNIT-Nagpur	199	57	_		256
12. NIT-Patna	89	_	20	34	143
13. NIT-Raipur	172	01	78	16	267
14. NIT-Rourkela	317	_	01	_	318
15. NIT-Silchar %	250	_	07	Ill	368
16. NIT-Srinagar	498	_	30		528
17. SVNIT-Surat	145		08	96	249
18. NITK-Surathkal	254	_	48	_	302
19. NIT-Tiruchirappalli	321	_	8	120	449
20. NIT-Warangal	404			118	522

High drop-out rate

4043. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the experts and political leaders have expressed concern over the high dropout rate and emphasized the need to implement the right to education;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the data collected from 562 out of 584 districts has revealed that there is a decline in the number of school children;
- (d) whether Government has sought the help of State Governments and the private sector to check drop-out rate in schools; and
 - (e) the further steps taken by Government to decrease the drop-out rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to(e) The drop-out rates for primary education has reduced by 13.53 percentage points between 2001-06 whereas it reduced~by only 2.3 percentage point between 1990-2000. At elementary level it has reduced by 5.89 percentage point over the same period.

The total enrolment data published in Ministry of Human Resource Development's Selected Educational Statistics 2005-06 shows that elementary level enrolment increased to 18.44 crore from a level of 17.70 crores in 2003-04.

The main programmes being implemented by Government of India in partnership with the States to reduce drop-outs and achieve universalisation of elementary education, are the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day Meal Scheme.