

(ख) भूजल के स्तर में कमी सामान्य-तया स्थानीय पाकेटों में पाई जाती है इसके अलावा, किसी मौसम में भूजल स्तर गिरावट की स्थिति भिन्न है। चिन्ता के क्षेत्र वे पाकेट हैं, जहां लम्बे समय तक भूजल स्तर में गिरावट बनी रहती है। भूजल के स्तर में गिरावट एक प्राकृतिक घटना है जो अधिकतर वर्षापात से संबंधित होती है। मुख्य रूप से, स्तर में गिरावट भूजल अधिक निकालने के कारण तथा वर्षापात की मात्रा और इसके वितरण की भिन्नता की वजह से होती है। सरकार ने भूजल के कृत्रिम पुनर्भरण पर अध्ययन करने के लिए एक केन्द्रीय सेक्टर स्कीम स्वीकृत की है।

National Action Plan for Children's Education

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the steps so far taken to implement the National Plan of Action for Children's Education indicating the details of the Plan and the extent to which the same has been implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): The National Plan of Action on Children drawn up by the Government identifies targets in terms of major as well as supporting sectoral goals representing the needs and aspirations of over 300 million children of the country in the sphere of health, nutrition, education and related aspects of social support. In the field of education it provides for the following:

(1) Universal enrolment of all children including girls using both full-time formal schools and part time nonformal arrangements.

(2) Reduction of drop out rate between classes I to V and I to VIII from the existing 45 per cent and 60 per cent to 20 per cent and 40 per cent respectively.

(3) Achievement of Minimum Levels of Learning by approximately all children at the primary level and introduction of this concept at the upper primary stage on a large scale.

(4) Reucation in disparities by emphasis on girls' education and special measures for children belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST).

(5) Expansion of Early Childhood Care and Education including appropriate low cost family and community based interventions.

To achieve the goals laid down in the Plan of Action efforts will be made made to Universalise Integrated Child Development Services (IEDS). The process and content of elementary education will be made child-centred, activity-based and joyful. Access to elementary education will be ensured by opening non-formal education centres and voluntary schools in addition to formal schools. The Scheme of Operation Blackboard would be expanded and extended to upper primary schools. Achievement of Minimum Levels of Learning (MLL) by practically all the children is to be ensured. The impact of Total Literacy Campaigns (TLCs) on enhanced enrolment and retention would be suitably utilised. Involvement of community would be ensured at village and block levels.

Dumping of stocks by multinational Companies

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SAIL and TISCO have pleaded with Government to take effective steps against dumping by the multinational companies which are saddled with heavy stocks; and