

Releases to the States for these schemes are made in installments by administrative Ministries concerned. The criteria for allocation of funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes to individual States is finalized by the administrative Ministries concerned in consultation with the State Governments and Planning Commission.

**Intake in primary classes**

2662. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite massive grants released from time to time by Government, admissions to primary classes have not registered any increase in the last five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of drop outs was 25.67 per cent upto fifth, 48.80 per cent up to eighth and 62 per cent upto tenth classes as revealed in the report of the National University of Education, Planning and Administration's District Information System of Education; and

(c) the reasons for this decline and the steps contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir. Enrolment has shown consistent increase. In 2002-03 enrolment at primary level was 12.24 crore which has increased, to 13.35 crore in 2006-07.

(b) No, Sir. No such report has been brought out by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) which reveals dropout rates in fifth, eighth and tenth classes. Selected Educational Statistics (SES) collect information on dropout rates which show decline dropouts in all the classes upto X. Details are as follow:

Year	I-V	I-VIII	I-X
2002-03	34.89	52.79	62.58
2006-07	25.43	46.03	59.87

(c) To improve enrolment and retention a multi pronged approach has been adopted. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a national programme for achieving Universal Elementary Education was launched in 2001. SSA provides *inter alia*, for opening of new schools, strengthening of school infrastructure, appointment of additional teachers, interventions for enrolment of out of school children, promotion of girls education, inclusive education for children with special needs, training of teachers, supply of free textbooks for all children, interventions for promoting community ownership of schools. It is supported by National Programme of Mid Day Meal in schools. In addition, at secondary level, various schemes like Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in secondary schools, Scholarship for girls have been started.

**Shifting of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University**

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