

### Enrolment of girls in higher education

(Figure in lakhs)

Year	SC Girls	ST Girls
2006-07	6.50	2.62
2007-08	8.56	3.36
2008-09	8.75	3.85

### Yoga teachers in schools

3355. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to recruit yoga teachers/instructors in every Government and Government-aided schools in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has issued any instruction to all the States in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) There is no proposal with this Ministry on recruitment of Yoga teachers. Education being a concurrent subject, and majority of schools being under the purview of State Governments, it is for the State Governments to decide about recruitment of any category of teachers.

### Quality of education in rural areas

3356. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

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

- (a) the present enrollment rate at primary, middle and matriculation stages in the schools for urban and rural areas, separately;
- (b) the drop-out rates for the aforesaid categories;
- (c) whether Government is aware that quality of education in rural areas is inferior in comparison to the urban areas; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the standard of education in the rural areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of the Total and of rural areas at primary (Class I-V), middle (Class VI-VIII) and matriculation (Class IX-X) levels of education for the year 2007-08 is given below:

GER of all Students			GER in Rural Areas		
Primary	Middle	Matriculation	Primary	Middle	Matriculation
113.97	78.06	58.15	111.81	69.99	50.87

(b) Drop-out rates of urban and rural areas are not maintained separately Drop-out rates of students at primary, middle and matriculation levels of education for the year 2007-08 are 25.09, 42.68 and 56.71 percent respectively.

(c) and (d) Government has been making consistent progress to meet the goals of Universal Elementary Education through implementation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Programme. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009, which became operational with effect from 1st April, 2010, provides that every child in the 6 to 14 age-group shall have a right to free and compulsory education till completion of elementary education. The SSA Framework of Implementation has been revised to correspond with the provisions of the RTE Act 2009 and the SSA programme is being implemented in accordance with the norms and standards of the RTE Act. Mid Day Meal Scheme is being implemented with a view to enhance enrolment and retention of children in school. Further, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan has been launched for universal access to secondary education. These efforts will enable states to universalize elementary and secondary education and improve the Gross Enrolment Ratio.

One of the objectives of setting up of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas is to provide good quality modern education to the talented children predominantly from the rural areas. The scheme for setting up of model schools at block level is to provide quality education to talented rural children through setting up 6000 model schools as benchmarks of excellence at block level at the rate of one school per block. The scheme is being implemented from 2009-10. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) Scheme provides for setting up of residential upper primary schools for girls from SC, ST, OBC and Muslim communities.