

(iii) Take all other steps as may be necessary to adhere to the 3-year undergraduate programme as envisaged under the 10+2+3 structure under the National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986, while ensuring that students are facilitated through the process of transacting the curricula under the 10+2+3 structure.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The UGC had *vide* its letter dated 29th June, 2014 advised the University of Delhi that students admitted in the various colleges under University of Delhi during 2013-14 to the 4-year B.Tech. Programmes in Computer Sciences, Electronics, Food Technology, Instrumentation Electronics and Polymer Science may continue in these Programmes and further the colleges under the University of Delhi which had admitted these students may, wherever required, obtain approval of the regulatory bodies such as UGC and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and ensure that students admitted in these Programmes during 2013-14 are not put to any disadvantage. However, no further admissions should be taken in these programmes from the current academic year onwards.

Decrease in the number of students in primary schools

†36. SHRI VIJAY GOEL:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of students in primary schools of the country has been decreasing, instead of growing during the past years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan and the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme are proving to be unsuccessful in achieving their targets of bringing improvement in primary education;

(d) if so, the measures being taken by Government to make these schemes more effective;

(e) whether Government is contemplating on bringing about comprehensive changes in primary education sector; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) No Sir, the total enrolment of children at elementary level has increased from 193051999 in 2010-11 to 198899659 in 2013-14. As per the District Information System for Education (DISE) 2013-14, the State-wise enrolment during 2010-11 and 2013-14 for age group of 6-14 years is given in the Statement (*See below*).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The average annual drop-out rate at primary level has reduced from 5.62% in 2011-12 to 4.67% in 2012-13. Similarly, at upper primary level it has reduced from 2.65% in 2011-12 to 2.30% in 2012-13. Transition rate from primary to upper primary level has increased from 86.74% in 2011-12 to 89.58% in 2012-13. Further, in order to retain the children in schools, provision for free text books, free uniform, appointment of teachers, teacher training, academic support through Block Resource Centres/Cluster Resource Centres, mid-day-meal and residential facilities has been made.

(e) and (f) Various initiatives have been taken up to improve quality of education in elementary education including *inter-alia*, focused programmes for reading, comprehension and numeracy in classes I and II, Mathematics and Science at upper primary level and regular assessment of learning outcomes.

Statement

State wise details of enrolment at elementary level as per DISE 2013-14

State/UTs	Total Enrolment (Elementary Level)	
	2010-11	2013-14
1	2	3
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	53353	51703
Andhra Pradesh	11272063	11089215
Arunachal Pradesh	332065	325047
Assam	5822163	5806184
Bihar	19974702	21238957
Chandigarh	149002	161185
Chhattisgarh	4637444	4589564
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	59064	58793
Daman and Diu	26143	28161
Delhi	2710483	2944191
Goa	181923	198084
Gujarat	8147024	9229471
Haryana	3475846	3956723
Himachal Pradesh	1035627	969095
Jammu and Kashmir	1998138	1841178
Jharkhand	6840744	6625023

1	2	3
Karnataka	7670492	8323556
Kerala	3438905	4101946
Lakshadweep	10285	8289
Madhya Pradesh	15493689	14594089
Maharashtra	16081769	16158791
Manipur	503682	549897
Meghalaya	660129	738124
Mizoram	235327	217963
Nagaland	411383	411695
Odisha	6556425	6388057
Puducherry	182627	174122
Punjab	3964427	4011520
Rajasthan	12003827	12290252
Sikkim	126542	120101
Tamil Nadu	9797264	9396441
Tripura	610098	590230
Uttar Pradesh	32019087	36726500
Uttarakhand	1638492	1704890
West Bengal	14931765	13280622
ALL STATES	193051999	198899659

Recruitment for TGT in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†37. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently during recruitment of Trained Graduate Teachers (TGTs) by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, all the candidates of Economics subject were debarred from interview for the Social Science subject; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.