

**Ratio of dropout**

1967. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of dropout from regular education in class VII, X and college level; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for this dropout in future livelihood by bringing any change in regular syllabus systems?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) As per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 2013-14, the annual average dropout rate in class VII is 1.5 and in classes I to X is 14.54 at national level. The dropout rate at college level is not centrally maintained.

(b) The SarvaShikshaAbhiyan is being implemented with the help of States / UTs in accordance with the norms and standards of the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 to enhance enrolment and retention of children, with context-specific interventions for SC/ST students and a multi-pronged approach for reducing dropout rates. This includes *inter-alia* regular training of teachers, provision for free text books and uniforms to children and provision of mid day meals to the children on school days. The RashtriyaMadhyamikShikshaAbhiyan, a flagship programme emphasis on strengthening of existing secondary schools and opening of new stand alone schools. The schemes like ICT @ school, inclusive education, vocational education and girls hostel under RMSA have positive impact on reduction in dropout rates.

**Choice based credit system**

1968. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central universities have agreed to move towards a choice based credit system in the coming academic year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that eight workshops have been scheduled in Central universities to explain the transition; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) This Ministry convened a meeting of the