

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI) : (a) and (b) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 came into force on 1st April, 2010. As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), the enrolment of children at elementary level has increased from 18.79 crore in 2009-10 to 19.89 crore in 2013-14. Since 2009-10, 47488 school buildings have been sanctioned to the States/UTs under SSA programme.

(c) to (e) No information on closure of schools has been reported to the Ministry. There has been a steady decline in drop-out rate at primary level, from 6.76% in 2009-10 to 4.67 % in 2013-14. Similarly, there is a declining trend in the drop-out rate of girls, SC and ST children during the above period.

#### **Vocational courses in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

338. SHRI AVINASH PANDE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has introduced or is planning to introduce vocational courses for students of Kendriya Vidyalayas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI) : (a) to (c) Vocational courses are offered at 64 Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) for the students of secondary classes (IX-X) and senior secondary classes (XI-XII) in different streams as indicated below:-

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Secondary Classes	Retail, Security, Information Technology (IT), Automobile Technology
Senior Secondary Classes	Hospitality and Tourism (H&T), Financial Market Management (FMM).

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#### **Career advancement rules in NCERT**

339. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NCERT follows uniform rules for male and female faculty members with regard to their career advancement;