

- (ii) **Proportion of pupils starting grade 1 who reach grade 5:** DISE report 2011-12 shows a steady increasing trend over the years in the estimate of the indicator 'ratio of enrolment of Grade V to Grade I' from 78.08 in 2009-10 to 86.05 in 2011-12.
- (iii) **Literacy rate of the 15-24 year old:** The youth literacy rate has increased from 61.9% in 1991 to 86.14% in 2011 and the trend shows India is likely to reach about 93.4% by 2015, as against the target of 100% with estimated male and female youth literacy rate likely to be at 94.8% and 92.5%.

(c) and (d) Universalisation of primary education has been supported by the enactment of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009. Gross Enrolment Ratio higher than 100 per cent has been achieved. The Government is continuously making efforts to improve Universal Primary Education through strengthening of existing programmes such as Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Mid Day Meal Scheme, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, and through the enactment of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and other measures of the Ministry.

Enrolment of children in schools

2277. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of children admitted to schools after implementation of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, *vis-à-vis* prior to implementation of the Act;

(b) whether it is a fact that the enrolment ratio at secondary and higher secondary level is decreasing constantly; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), the enrolment of children at elementary level during 2009-10 was 18.79 crore which increased to 19.89 crore during 2013-14.

(b) No Sir. The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at secondary level has increased from 62.90% in 2009-10 to 76.64% during 2013-14 and GER at higher secondary level has increased from 36.1% to 52.21% during the same period.

(c) Does not arise.