

knowledge of both students and teachers in a number of areas such as physical changes during adolescence, nutrition and anemia, HIV/AIDS, and substance abuse, and has also helped in improving student's attitudes on several fronts.

Dropout in enrolment of girl students

1230. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last 5 years there has been a massive dropout of girls enrolled in primary class of different schools, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite Government initiatives there is a constant decline of the girl students in the education sector; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and further action plan of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) No, Sir. On the contrary, the dropout rate of girls at primary level has been steadily decreasing in the last five years. The details of annual average drop out rate of girls at primary level as per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) are as under:

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
6.37	6.07	5.34	4.66	4.49

(b) The total enrolment of girls in elementary classes increased from 9,34,44,981 in 2010-11 to 9,55,55,995 in 2014-15, and in secondary classes it has increased from 1,43,39,430 to 1,81,80,094 during the same period.

(c) To encourage the participation of girls at elementary level, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for the opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, the appointment of additional teachers including women teachers, free textbooks, free uniforms, separate toilets for girls, teachers' sensitization programmes to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching learning materials including textbooks and the Scheme of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) as residential upper primary schools for girls belonging to SC/ST/Minority Communities, BPL families and girls in difficult circumstances. Out of the 3609 KGBVs sanctioned, 3599 are operational enrolling 3,64,855 girls.

The 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' Scheme is a joint initiative of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development. The scheme has been initiated with the objectives of

preventing gender based sex selection elimination, ensuring survival and protection of the girl child and ensuring her education.

Under the Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative, 417796 toilets blocks have been constructed/re-constructed in 261400 elementary and secondary Government schools from 15th August, 2014 to 15th August, 2015. As on 15th August, 2015, every Government school has gender segregated toilets.

Under the Rashtriya Madyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) interventions to promote girls participation in secondary schools include the opening of new schools, the strengthening of existing schools, the appointment of teachers including female teachers, the construction of residential quarters for teachers in remote/hilly areas, hostel facilities for girls' curriculum reforms to eliminate any hidden gender bias, conduct of self defence training for the girls, special programmes for empowerment of girls, stipend for girls with disabilities, vocationalization of secondary education, Girls Hostel Scheme, teacher sensitization programmes and separate toilet blocks for girls. Girls are exempt from paying tuition fee in Kendriya Vidyalayas, and there is 33% reservation for girls in Navodaya Vidyalayas.

The "National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education" provides a ₹ 3,000/- deposit in the name of eligible unmarried girls below 16 years as fixed deposit, to be withdrawn along with interest, upon the girl reaching 18 years of age and after passing class 10.

'Udaan' is an initiative of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to promote educational opportunities for girl students. It has been designed to provide a comprehensive platform for deserving girl students who aspire to pursue higher education in engineering, and assist them to prepare for the IIT JEE while studying in classes XI and XII.

Department of Yoga in Central Universities

1231. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six Central Universities would start Department of Yoga, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any plan to start yoga classes in school levels also, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the University Grants Commission is considering to include NET exam for yogic sciences to address the issue of finding teachers for this subject, if so, the details thereof?