

(NCERT) has not recommended any text book for early childhood education. It has recommended only two books (Language and Mathematics) for classes I and II and three books for Classes III to V (Language, Environmental Studies and Mathematics). NCERT has also made available all their textbooks for free access through the web (*epathshala.nic.in*) and mobile devices. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has directed all its affiliated schools to ensure that students do not carry school bags till Class II and has also restricted the number of books to be prescribed in class I to VIII. In its latest circular dated 12th September, 2016, it has advised all its affiliated schools to take all possible measures to keep the weight of school bag under control.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has also taken a number of steps to promote digital learning in its Vidyalayas. To begin with, all the students of class VIII in 25 Kendriya Vidyalayas (One KV from each region) shall be provided with good quality Tablets on PILOT BASIS. The students will use these Tablets as also their teachers for Mathematics and Science for enhancing their core skills in these subjects.

(d) and (e) Education being a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and the majority of schools are under the jurisdiction of the State Governments, it is for the respective State/Union Territory Government to take appropriate measures to reduce the weight of schools bags of the children studying in their schools.

#### **Girls enrolled in primary schools**

2016. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the data of girls enrolled in primary schools across socio-economic groups of SC/ST, minorities and in rural-urban areas during the previous three years, State-wise;

(b) the schemes, measures and incentives implemented by the Ministry aimed at enhancing girls' participation and ensuring their retention in education; and

(c) whether the Ministry is taking any other steps to reduce the gender disparity so as to achieve better gender parity index and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) The State wise data of girls enrolled in primary schools across socio-economic groups of SC/ST, minorities and in rural-urban areas during the previous three years is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) and (c) The centrally sponsored Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) supports States/UTs in universalizing elementary education, including girls' education. Under, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan targeted interventions for girl children include the following:-

- Opening of schools in the neighbourhood as defined by the State.
- Residential hostel buildings (KGBVs) for children in habitations un-served by regular schools and also for children without adult protection.
- Recruitment of additional teachers, with emphasis on recruitment of female teachers.
- Provision of free text-books to children
- Uniforms to all girls, SC, ST and BPL children
- Provision of girls toilets in schools
- Teachers' sensitization programmes to promote girls participation.

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have been opened in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) where the female rural literacy is below the national average to provide for residential upper primary schools for (a) girls who are unable to go to regular schools, (b) out of school girls in the 10+ age group who are unable to complete primary school, (c) younger girls of migratory populations in difficult areas of scattered habitations that do not qualify for primary/upper primary schools. Among these girls, 75% reservation for girls belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), other Backward Classe (OBC) and minority communities is provided. In respect of the remaining 25% priority is given to girls from Below Poverty Lines (BPL) families. 3603 KGBVs have been made operational with an enrolment of 3.66 lakh girls.

At primary level (Classes I-V) the share of girl's enrolment was 47.79% in 2005-2006, which has risen to 48.21% in 2015-16 (*Source U-DISE 2015-16*). Further, the gender parity index has reached 0.93 at the primary level and 0.95 upper primary levels as per U-DISE 2015-16.

**Statement**

(A) State-wise data of girls enrolled in primary schools across socio-economic groups of SC/ST, minorities and in rural-urban areas during the previous three years

**Percentage of Girls Enrolment at Primary Level : All Management**

Sl. No	State/UT	Total Girls			SC			ST		
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	48.94	49.2	49.08	0.00	0.00	62.50	48.26	48.41	49.42
2.	Andhra Pradesh	48.5	48.35	48.17	48.87	48.81	48.86	48.22	48.50	48.57
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	48.96	48.94	48.84	46.00	44.94	46.86	49.43	49.41	49.26
4.	Assam	49.66	49.6	49.57	49.34	49.51	49.61	49.75	49.78	49.55
5.	Bihar	49.47	49.42	49.44	48.79	48.78	48.77	48.97	48.77	48.67
6.	Chandigarh	46.81	46.64	46.74	44.50	44.79	45.30	46.94	48.63	45.45
7.	Chhattisgarh	48.97	48.86	48.86	49.31	49.13	49.23	48.92	48.82	48.82
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	46.63	46.69	46.94	43.17	47.71	48.80	48.68	48.84	48.94
9.	Daman and Diu	45.66	45.74	46.23	43.97	44.12	45.32	46.96	46.93	47.59
10.	Delhi	46.45	46.57	46.62	46.90	47.74	47.60	44.93	46.32	45.18
11.	Goa	47.98	48.04	47.99	49.80	48.15	47.63	49.55	49.73	49.30

12.	Gujarat	46.65	46.78	46.97	47.34	47.40	47.53	47.76	47.85	47.89
13.	Haryana	45.71	45.57	45.44	47.39	47.39	47.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
14.	Himachal Pradesh	47.59	47.72	47.7	48.87	48.92	48.93	48.50	48.68	48.52
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	47.66	47.67	47.8	47.01	47.09	46.94	47.79	47.75	47.73
16.	Jharkhand	48.99	48.95	48.93	48.93	48.89	49.05	49.00	48.95	48.98
17.	Karnataka	48.38	48.44	48.44	48.55	48.79	48.84	48.53	48.63	48.73
18.	Kerala	48.77	48.83	48.87	48.59	48.77	48.72	48.16	48.00	48.39
19.	Lakshadweep	48.31	49.19	48.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.41	49.06	48.49
20.	Madhya Pradesh	47.74	47.41	47.3	47.62	47.23	47.32	47.83	47.52	47.46
21.	Maharashtra	47.05	47.03	46.94	48.15	48.12	48.07	47.98	48.17	48.30
22.	Manipur	49.87	49.38	49.39	51.12	50.74	50.10	49.07	49.19	49.08
23.	Meghalaya	50.08	49.94	49.88	46.44	49.66	47.90	50.12	49.93	49.92
24.	Mizoram	48.3	48.17	48.24	49.52	47.64	45.96	48.31	48.19	48.28
25.	Nagaland	49.09	48.79	48.83	67.01	41.64	48.08	49.28	49.17	49.20
26.	Odisha	48.29	48.26	48.33	48.74	48.67	48.73	48.66	48.75	48.90
27.	Puducherry	48.7	48.69	48.67	48.68	48.66	48.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
28.	Punjab	45.15	45.33	45.38	47.00	47.21	47.23	51.49	43.31	45.41
29.	Rajasthan	46.59	46.33	46.47	46.69	46.46	46.59	46.42	46.30	46.43
30.	Sikkim	47.74	47.27	47.05	48.52	47.99	49.12	45.98	45.61	45.43

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31.	Tamil Nadu	48.65	48.71	48.78	48.89	48.91	48.90	47.85	47.73	47.55
32.	Telangana	--	48.42	48.29	-	48.81	48.78	-	47.77	47.65
33.	Tripura	49.02	48.95	48.88	48.78	48.62	48.63	48.95	48.91	49.01
34.	Uttar Pradesh	48.59	48.78	48.81	48.45	48.75	48.81	48.58	48.76	48.82
35.	Uttarakhand	47.3	47.19	47.18	48.31	48.34	48.17	48.63	48.14	48.26
36.	West Bengal	49.18	49.01	48.98	48.67	48.60	48.63	49.21	49.04	49.07
ALL STATES		48.2	48.19	48.21	48.31	48.38	48.43	48.34	48.28	48.30

(B) State-wise data of girls enrolled in primary schools across socio-economic groups of SC/ST, minorities and in rural-urban areas during the previous three years.

#### Percentage of Girls Enrolment at Primary Level : All Management

Sl. No	State/UT	Muslim			Rural			Urban		
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
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2.	Andhra Pradesh	49.83	49.06	48.25	48.81	48.81	48.75	47.88	47.27	46.82
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	50.13	47.42	48.58	48.91	48.92	48.67	49.16	49.03	49.38
4.	Assam	49.84	49.82	49.88	49.68	49.62	49.63	49.38	49.28	48.99

5.	Bihar	50.61	50.98	50.78	49.50	49.52	49.59	48.97	48.08	47.58
6.	Chandigarh	46.40	45.65	45.91	50.71	49.83	50.60	46.36	46.16	46.21
7.	Chhattisgarh	46.00	45.53	46.33	49.22	49.15	49.16	47.89	47.70	47.67
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	46.77	46.05	47.73	47.32	47.61	47.72	45.23	44.87	45.34
9.	Daman and Diu	45.28	45.90	44.99	45.78	45.41	45.79	45.45	46.26	46.91
10.	Delhi	47.73	48.59	48.29	45.07	44.74	47.07	46.48	46.60	46.61
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12.	Gujarat	48.08	48.37	47.94	47.24	47.46	47.63	45.45	45.46	45.72
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20.	Madhya Pradesh	48.69	48.01	48.14	48.21	47.99	48.04	46.43	45.90	45.45
21.	Maharashtra	49.03	48.81	48.61	47.49	47.47	47.35	46.49	46.48	46.44
22.	Manipur	49.96	49.61	49.79	49.95	49.58	49.59	49.53	48.62	48.67
23.	Meghalaya	51.11	50.96	50.36	49.94	49.75	49.65	51.13	51.38	51.66

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Source: UDISE