

Universal coverage of secondary education

528. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the net enrolment rate for boys and girls for secondary education during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry monitors as to whether boys and girls who complete elementary education take admission in secondary education;

(c) the details of dropout rate of boys and girls after elementary education during the last three years; and

(d) whether the Ministry has formulated any policy ensure universal coverage of secondary education and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) As per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) maintained by National Institute of Education Planning and Administration (NIEPA), Net enrolment rate for boys and girls for secondary education during the last three years at All India level is below:—

Year	Net Enrolment Ratio (Secondary Level)		
	Boys	Girls	Total
2014-15	47.77	48.34	48.04
2015-16	50.30	51.37	50.80
2016-17	51.05	52.57	51.77

Source: U-DISE.

(b) Transition rate brought out by the Ministry captures the number of boys and girls getting into secondary education after completion of elementary education.

(c) Dropout rate after elementary level (*i.e.* dropout at secondary level) during the last three years at All India Level is below:—

Year	Dropout Rate (Secondary Level)		
	Boys	Girls	Total
2014-15	17.93	17.79	17.86
2015-16	17.21	16.88	17.06
2016-17	19.97	19.81	19.89

Source: U-DISE.

(d) The Samagra Shiksha, an Integrated Scheme for School Education has been launched throughout the country as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19. This programme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education. The States and UTs are assisted by the Central Government to implement the Samagra Shiksha as a programme for providing universal access and retention, bridging of gender and social category gaps in education and enhancement of learning level of children at all levels of school education.

Payments of JRF, SRF and Ph.D fellowships

529. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of delays in payments of JRF, SRF and Ph.D fellowships during the last three years, course-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the fellowship amount, as per the promised 20 per cent increase per annum; and

(c) whether any guidelines are being considered to ensure timely payment of fellowships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission has informed that there is no delay in disbursing of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) and Ph.D fellowships amount, for those fellows whose data has been updated by the concerned Institution/University.

The fellowship amount for Ph.D and Post Doctoral studies have been increased by 55% with effect from 1.12.2014 and further enhanced by 25-35% from 1.1.2019, benefitting around 60,000 research fellows and scholars. Enhancement in the fellowship amount has been the highest in these 5 years.

Based on the online confirmation by the concerned Institution/University, the fellowship amount is being disbursed monthly, with effect from October, 2018.