

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1149
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2021

Increasing dropout rates of girl students

1149 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the data on dropout rates of girl students in secondary and elementary education level from 2016 till present, State-wise;
- (b) whether the dropout rates have increased significantly since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (c) the steps Government has undertaken to mitigate this?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a): Year-wise and State-wise data on dropout rates of girl students in secondary and elementary education level from 2016-17 to 2019-20 is at Annexure.

(b) & (c): Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education is implementing the scheme of Samagra Shiksha. Under Samagra Shiksha, there are various initiatives for promotion of girl's education which include opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, additional teachers and residential quarters for teaching staff in remote/hilly areas, appointment of additional teachers including women teachers, free textbooks, free uniforms, and separate toilets for girls, teachers' sensitization programmes to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching-learning materials including textbooks etc.

Additionally, special state specific projects such as Life Skills, Awareness programmes, providing incinerators, Sanitary Pad Vending Machines etc., for varied interventions under equity are also emphasized under the scheme for enhancing access, retention and quality for girls by promoting enrolment drives, retention and motivation camps, gender sensitization modules etc.

To promote education of girls in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs), DoSEL has sanctioned Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) in EBBs which are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families.

In order to mitigate the impact of challenges thrown by the COVID-19 pandemic for school children including girls and for preventing drop outs, lower enrolments and loss of learning, instructions and guidelines have been issued by Ministry of Education to the States & UTs from time to time for continuing education of children including girls. The States and UTs have also been suggested steps/actions such as identification of out of school children from age 6 to 18 years, enrollment drives and awareness generation, student support while schools are closed, continued education for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) etc., to be taken during the school closure and when the schools re-open.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1149 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2021 ASKED BY DR. VIKAS MAHATME, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "INCREASING DROPOUT RATES OF GIRL STUDENTS".

State/UT	Annual Average Dropout Rate -2016-17		Annual Average Dropout Rate -2017-18		Annual Average Dropout Rate -2018-19		Annual Average Dropout Rate -2019-20	
	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.5	6.8	0.1	4.9	0.9	18.0	0.0	12.3
Andhra Pradesh	1.6	NE	0.0	21.4	0.0	15.2	0.0	12.2
Arunachal Pradesh	20.0	28.1	6.6	17.2	11.8	36.2	5.5	30.9
Assam	4.1	28.8	7.5	35.2	2.0	32.1	3.1	32.9
Bihar	10.0	41.0	7.6	33.7	9.7	32.1	4.2	22.7
Chandigarh	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	3.3
Chhattisgarh	3.9	22.4	2.8	19.7	4.6	14.0	1.5	17.2
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1.0	27.9	0.9	22.0	0.8	17.5	0.0	17.3
Daman & Diu	-	17.1	0.8	17.1	0.0	19.3	0.0	16.5
Delhi	-	8.6	0.4	16.0	0.0	13.7	0.0	11.9
Goa	1.9	13.0	0.0	4.0	1.3	6.2	0.2	7.2
Gujarat	3.8	21.9	5.0	19.0	4.6	21.2	3.2	20.6
Haryana	-	12.3	0.0	13.1	0.4	13.7	0.5	12.0
Himachal Pradesh	1.0	6.3	0.2	5.3	0.4	6.6	0.9	5.9
Jammu And Kashmir	13.9	25.5	1.6	2.5	6.9	17.7	3.7	16.6
Jharkhand	17.2	37.1	0.0	10.7	6.3	22.4	6.2	17.0
Karnataka	2.9	NE	1.8	21.9	0.0	20.2	1.4	14.1
Kerala	0.0	9.8	0.2	9.5	0.0	6.8	0.0	5.9
Ladakh	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7	9.9
Lakshadweep	-	5.9	0.0	3.4	0.0	5.5	0.0	2.7
Madhya Pradesh	6.1	23.8	4.9	24.2	4.6	24.6	2.1	21.8
Maharashtra	1.2	11.1	1.0	12.2	1.6	12.8	0.6	14.0
Manipur	16.3	21.0	3.0	7.8	4.4	13.2	7.1	9.2
Meghalaya	17.3	27.9	2.2	17.6	13.2	18.3	6.3	21.8
Mizoram	13.4	28.9	6.8	16.9	5.5	10.1	5.5	17.5
Nagaland	20.3	31.0	4.2	12.9	8.4	22.5	3.7	20.7
Odisha	4.6	28.8	5.3	27.8	4.3	7.2	2.0	21.9
Puducherry	0.0	9.4	1.9	12.7	0.0	7.9	0.0	4.9
Punjab	2.7	7.9	3.2	10.8	1.9	9.6	0.0	0.0
Rajasthan	6.5	15.3	3.5	10.8	4.8	12.9	2.6	12.1
Sikkim	5.7	22.7	0.0	14.1	2.8	21.3	0.0	21.1
Tamil Nadu	0.9	6.3	7.3	13.0	1.3	8.1	0.6	5.6
Telangana	7.0	21.5	2.7	15.2	2.3	11.6	0.0	10.6
Tripura	4.6	30.3	1.1	27.3	2.9	29.7	2.3	26.4
Uttar Pradesh	9.7	12.9	8.0	19.5	9.4	15.6	3.0	14.2
Uttarakhand	4.7	8.2	3.2	10.7	3.5	9.5	2.3	7.3
West Bengal	7.4	27.3	0.0	15.1	1.6	19.6	0.0	13.6
All India	6.3	19.8	4.1	18.7	4.7	17.3	1.9	15.1

Source : UDISE up to 2017-18 & UDISE+ for 2018-19 & 2019-20 (provisional)