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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1935
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022

Government schools having hand wash facility

1935. **SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:**

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

(a) the details regarding the number of Government schools having hand wash facility during the last five years, year-wise;
(b) whether it is a fact that 91.9 per cent of schools have hand wash facilities, according to Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) 2020-21 report and not 97 per cent as claimed by Government; and
(c) if so, the reasons for difference in the data?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a): The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education has developed the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) system to record data on indicators of school education provided by all the States and Union Territories. As per UDISE+, number of Government schools having hand wash facility during last five years, year-wise is as under:

Year	Number of government schools having hand wash facility
2016-17	574638
2017-18	598800
2018-19	959780
2019-20	934949
2020-21	953794

(b) and (c): As per UDISE+ report, 55.5% of the schools in 2016-17 had hand wash facility which has improved to 91.9 % in 2020-21.

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