

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No - 1634
ANSWERED ON 21/12/2022**

Pandemic and children education

1634 Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that in 2021, as per UNESCO, 24 million children may not find their way back to schools after the pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the number of children who dropped out from Government primary and secondary schools in the last three years, year-wise, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the number of Government primary and secondary schools that closed during the pandemic and didn't reopen yet, State-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) & (b) Education is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and majority of the schools come under the purview of the respective State and UT Government. The Department of School Education & Literacy has, in order to prevent drop outs, lower enrolments and loss of learning, issued guidelines on 13th July, 2020 for identification, smooth admission process and continued education of migrant children. Further, this Department has also developed an online module for compiling the data of Out of School Children (OoSC) identified by each State/UT and their mapping with Special Training Centres (STC) on the PRABANDH Portal (<http://samagrashiksha.in>). The concerned State/UT validates the child wise information of the identified OoSC and STC uploaded by the concerned Block Resource Centre of the State for monitoring the progress of mainstreaming of OoSC.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has published a report titled "How many students are at risk of not returning to school?", which can be accessed at:- <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000373992>

(c) & (d) In order to ensure that children have access to education with quality and equity and to minimize the impact of the pandemic on school education in the country, Ministry of Education has shared guidelines dated 7th January, 2021 with all States which, among others, include identification of out of school children from age 6-18 years, enrolment drives and awareness generation, student support while schools are closed, continued Education for children with Special Needs (CWSN), student support on school reopening and Teacher capacity building.

Also, a comprehensive Covid action plan has been shared with the States and UTs on 4 th May 2021, outlining the role of local bodies, formation of nodal group at village/town level, conducting door-to-door/helpdesk-based/app based survey to identify out of school children, their mainstreaming and resource sharing. As per the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE+), the

Average drop-out rates of students of all categories of schools from 2019- 20 to 2021-22, year-wise and State-wise are at **Annexure-I**.

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. The total number of schools as per UDISE+ data from 2019- 20 to 2021-22,year wise and state wise are at **Annexure-II**. Decline in number of schools is mainly due to rationalisation of schools by various State Governments.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (c) & (d) OF THE REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1634 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS REGARDING "PANDEMIC AND CHILDREN EDUCATION"

State/UT	2019-20			2020-21			2021-22		
	Primary level (I - V)	Upper Primary (VI - VIII)	Secondary (IX-X)	Primary level (I - V)	Upper Primary (VI - VIII)	Secondary (IX-X)	Primary level (I - V)	Upper Primary (VI - VIII)	Secondary (IX-X)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.5	0.0	15.7	2.3	0.4	7.0	0.4	1.0	5.0
Andhra Pradesh	0.0	0.3	14.8	0.0	0.5	16.7	0.0	1.6	16.3
Arunachal Pradesh	6.2	7.5	34.3	8.1	7.1	10.1	9.3	6.7	11.7
Assam	4.3	3.4	32.2	3.3	4.9	30.3	6.0	8.8	20.3
Bihar	2.3	8.9	21.4	0.0	2.8	17.6	0.0	4.6	20.5
Chandigarh	0.0	0.3	4.7	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chhattisgarh	1.0	3.8	18.2	0.7	4.1	13.4	0.8	4.1	9.7
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.0	1.1	20.2	3.9	1.7	17.7	0.0	0.0	9.5
Daman & Diu	0.0	0.0	20.0						
Delhi	0.0	0.2	13.9	0.0	1.1	6.1	0.0	0.0	4.8
Goa	0.3	0.0	10.2	1.5	0.7	5.7	0.0	0.0	9.0
Gujarat	1.0	5.2	23.7	1.0	4.5	23.3	0.0	4.9	17.9
Haryana	0.0	1.8	13.3	2.1	1.8	10.8	0.0	0.2	5.9
Himachal Pradesh	0.9	0.6	7.2	1.9	1.4	7.6	0.0	0.6	1.5
Jammu & Kashmir	3.9	3.2	16.7	4.4	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.0	6.0
Jharkhand	6.3	8.4	16.6	3.5	5.4	13.0	1.8	3.9	9.3
Karnataka	1.2	2.5	16.8	1.1	2.0	16.6	0.0	1.1	14.6
Kerala	0.0	0.0	7.9	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0	5.5
Ladakh	3.5	1.5	11.4	4.1	2.1	3.4	6.5	1.1	4.9
Lakshadweep	0.0	0.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.6	0.0
Madhya Pradesh	0.8	4.1	23.2	1.3	6.4	23.8	3.1	8.8	10.1
Maharashtra	0.0	1.1	15.2	1.0	1.5	11.2	0.0	1.5	10.7
Manipur	8.8	4.0	9.2	8.5	4.0	9.4	13.3	5.6	1.3
Meghalaya	7.0	8.0	22.2	7.4	8.9	27.6	9.8	10.6	21.7
Mizoram	7.8	2.5	20.4	8.1	5.3	20.0	6.3	2.7	11.9
Nagaland	4.2	5.4	21.2	5.9	4.2	23.6	5.0	4.0	17.5
Odisha	0.8	4.5	23.6	0.0	0.0	16.0	0.0	7.3	27.3
Puducherry	0.0	0.0	7.9	0.0	0.0	6.9	3.7	2.4	6.3
Punjab	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	9.0	1.3	8.0	17.2
Rajasthan	2.8	1.5	12.3	1.0	2.7	8.9	3.6	4.3	7.6
Sikkim	0.0	0.0	23.2	1.2	0.0	21.6	1.8	0.0	11.9
Tamil Nadu	1.1	0.4	9.6	0.6	0.6	6.4	0.0	0.0	4.5
Telangana	0.0	0.1	12.3	0.0	0.0	13.9	0.0	3.1	13.7
Tripura	2.0	3.5	26.7	4.2	5.5	26.7	1.1	4.5	8.3
Uttar Pradesh	2.6	2.1	14.4	2.2	4.6	12.5	2.7	2.9	9.7
Uttarakhand	2.5	2.3	8.4	1.7	2.1	8.3	0.8	2.7	5.0
West Bengal	0.6	0.0	13.8	0.0	0.0	13.3	8.6	0.0	18.0
India	1.5	2.6	16.1	0.8	2.3	14.0	1.5	3.0	12.6

Source: UDISE & UDISE+

Note: Negative dropout rate have not been reported

ANNEXURE-II

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State /UT	2019-20			2020-21			2021-22		
	Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary	Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary	Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary
	(1 to 5)	(6-8)	(9-10)	(1 to 5)	(6-8)	(9-10)	(1 to 5)	(6-8)	(9-10)
India	643044	73505	13499	640461	72610	13469	632454	66656	12620
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	185	1	0	185	0	0	185	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	33786	1	0	33760	13	0	33763	10	0
Arunachal Pradesh	1744	54	2	1744	49	2	1673	45	2
Assam	36691	3293	535	36329	3259	525	34947	2882	399
Bihar	40524	225	442	40523	223	424	40523	221	406
Chandigarh	8	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	0
Chhattisgarh	30538	13079	1888	30585	13084	1874	30688	13055	1867
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	154	1	12	196	34	25	167	5	25
Daman & Diu	42	36	13						
Delhi	1652	16	0	1635	16	0	1626	13	0
Goa	694	0	2	687	0	2	680	0	2
Gujarat	10953	230	1038	12209	199	1106	12481	177	1070
Haryana	8684	2394	0	8687	2446	0	8676	2444	0
Himachal Pradesh	10594	1948	0	10583	1948	0	10563	1949	0
Jammu and Kashmir	12976	124	32	12973	123	31	12974	122	32
Jharkhand	21410	13	306	21370	12	306	21318	12	259
Karnataka	21198	260	3465	21147	229	3470	21045	213	3470
Kerala	2607	56	35	2607	56	35	2594	56	35
Ladakh	403	9	2	404	9	2	331	10	1
Lakshadweep	15	1	0	20	1	0	16	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	63917	12741	2627	63695	12621	2582	58518	7411	1932
Maharashtra	43317	12	208	43126	9	211	43034	9	235
Manipur	1897	7	0	1901	5	0	1910	5	0
Meghalaya	5447	2223	1	5441	2215	1	5428	2210	1
Mizoram	1283	943	290	1280	941	290	1277	940	293
Nagaland	1071	25	3	1043	22	3	1032	22	3
Odisha	30774	925	970	27743	888	948	27145	858	948
Puducherry	233	1	0	233	1	0	233	1	0
Punjab	12935	2650	0	12891	2646	0	12830	2499	0
Rajasthan	33208	200	0	34132	199	0	33781	208	0
Sikkim	464	0	0	464	0	0	475	0	0
Tamil Nadu	24310	51	2	24311	51	2	24275	45	2
Telangana	19796	0	0	19790	0	0	19792	0	0
Tripura	2162	2	0	2145	2	0	2129	2	0
Uttar Pradesh	88532	22694	1432	87895	22112	1440	87811	22092	1448
Uttarakhand	11706	2616	194	11633	2601	190	11502	2563	190
West Bengal	67134	6674	0	67086	6596	0	67024	6577	0

Source: UDISE & UDISE+