

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.821  
ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022**

**Opening and closing of schools**

**821 Shri Javed Ali Khan:**

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

- (a) the number of new Government schools opened from 2018 to till date, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether 51,000 Government schools have been closed between September, 2018 to September, 2019 in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the details of number of Government schools closed since October, 2020 till date, State-wise; and
- (e) the reasons for closure of Government schools in the country, State-wise?

**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 data recorded in UDISE+, total Government schools established since 2018-19 to 2021-22 are at annexure-I.

(b) to (e): Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and the opening and merger/closing of schools are within the purview of respective State Government and UT Administration. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 provides children's access to elementary schools within the defined area or limits of neighbourhood. In pursuance to Section 6 of the RTE Act, all States have notified area or limits of their neighbourhood norms. Further, Section 8 of the RTE Act, 2009 also mandates that the appropriate government shall provide free and compulsory elementary education to every child and will ensure availability of neighbourhood schools. As per data recorded in UDISE+, total Government schools for the year 2018-19 to 2021-22 are as under:

<b>School Management/Year</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
<b>Government schools</b>	1083747	1032570	1032049	1022386

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 821 ASKED BY SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN, HON'BLE MP, RAJYA SABHA TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022, REGARDING 'OPENING AND CLOSING OF SCHOOLS'

### Government schools by year of establishment

Name of State/UT	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
India	2350	991	3655	603
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	2	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	114	115	49	53
Arunachal Pradesh	11	20	8	2
Assam	18	4	14	13
Bihar	21	74	2646	86
Chandigarh	0	1	2	2
Chhattisgarh	151	49	62	42
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	0	0	2	4
Delhi	2	11	0	14
Goa	0	0	0	0
Gujarat	178	78	155	42
Haryana	50	36	68	11
Himachal Pradesh	11	21	6	11
Jammu & Kashmir	5	2	2	0
Jharkhand	6	4	2	4
Karnataka	229	66	26	18
Kerala	4	4	0	0
Ladakh	2	0	0	1
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	102	11	19	34
Maharashtra	34	28	29	30
Manipur	5	3	0	10
Meghalaya	2	4	0	0
Mizoram	1	3	10	7
Nagaland	2	1	0	0
Odisha	60	33	42	6
Puducherry	0	0	0	0
Punjab	3	6	1	8
Rajasthan	882	89	420	155
Sikkim	5	1	1	1
Tamilnadu	106	7	8	0
Telangana	36	175	8	11
Tripura	4	5	1	1
Uttar Pradesh	197	60	48	23
Uttarakhand	1	1	2	2
West Bengal	108	77	24	12

Source: UDISE+