

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3208
ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023

EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY

3208 Shri Pabitra Margherita:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any review/ assessment regarding education of children with disability;
- (b) if so, the percentage of such children who are studying at present, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to provide maximum opportunity of education to the children with disability?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b) The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education conducted the National Achievement Survey (NAS) of Classes III, V & VIII in 2017, Class X in 2018 and Class III, V, VIII and X in 2021. Through the survey in 2021, students in Government, Government-aided and Private unaided schools across 720 districts in all 36 States & UTs were assessed, based on the Learning Outcomes developed by NCERT. Over 34 lakh students including children with disability participated in the survey. The survey process incorporated provisions such as additional time, scribes and suitable adaptations as per the needs of children with disability in order to facilitate an equitable assessment of all children.

As per UDISE 2021-22, the Children with Special Needs (CWSN) enrolment is 0.89% of total enrolment of children. The State & UT-wise enrolment of CWSN in percentage is **annexed**.

(c) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha launched in 2018-19, has dedicated Inclusive Education component for the education of Children with Special Needs (CwSN) covering all CwSN with one or more disabilities as mentioned in the schedule of disabilities of the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016. It aims to look at

education of CwSN in a continuum from Pre-Primary to Class XII studying in Government, Government-aided and local body schools.

Through this component, various provisions are made available for the educational needs of CwSN such as, provision of aids, appliances, assistive devices & teaching learning materials (TLMs), transportation, escort and scribe allowances etc. The component support also includes annual block identification and assessment camps and stipend for girls with disabilities etc for supporting access to schools and completion of their schooling.

The focus of Samagra Shiksha is on providing inclusive education to children with special needs wherein, children regardless of their abilities/disabilities participate and learn together in the same class, thus creating an enabling educational environment for all students.

A separate provision for financial support of Special Educators has been made under Samagra Shiksha in order to appropriately address the educational requirements of children with special needs from elementary to higher secondary levels. Samagra Shiksha also has provisions for ramps, handrails and disabled friendly toilets for barrier free access to schools for all children.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) & (B) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3208 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023 ASKED BYSHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY'.

Percentage of CwSN studying in Schools (State and UT wise)

Total CWSN Enrolment -2021-22				
S.No.	States/UTs	Total Enrolment (Grade I to XII)	CWSN Enrolment	%
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	66976	527	0.79
2.	Andhra Pradesh	8167256	92262	1.13
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	328306	3038	0.93
4.	Assam	7101572	55245	0.78
5.	Bihar	27046438	177989	0.66
6.	Chandigarh	246568	3755	1.52
7.	Chhattisgarh	5764230	77249	1.34
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	128247	1178	0.92
9.	Delhi	4318482	27026	0.63
10.	Goa	282426	3779	1.34
11.	Gujarat	11377585	73912	0.65
12.	Haryana	5792034	25718	0.44
13.	Himachal Pradesh	1332148	6864	0.52
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	2323395	19867	0.86
15.	Jharkhand	7688207	51665	0.67
16.	Karnataka	11827353	98961	0.84
17.	Kerala	5854948	138413	2.36
18.	Ladakh	49070	1052	2.14
19.	Lakshadweep	12004	208	1.73
20.	Madhya Pradesh	15427286	139258	0.90
21.	Maharashtra	22060834	260251	1.18
22.	Manipur	631471	4759	0.75
23.	Meghalaya	954938	4601	0.48
24.	Mizoram	277337	3976	1.43
25.	Nagaland	367175	4084	1.11
26.	Odisha	7527517	146512	1.95
27.	Puducherry	233028	2288	0.98
28.	Punjab	5352046	66776	1.25
29.	Rajasthan	17175003	80910	0.47
30.	Sikkim	116329	1320	1.13
31.	Tamilnadu	12167300	156359	1.29
32.	Telangana	6763649	40014	0.59
33.	Tripura	684179	3914	0.57
34.	Uttar Pradesh	46774404	327385	0.70
35.	Uttarakhand	2355768	5080	0.22
36.	West Bengal	17165114	160599	0.94
	India	255740623	2266794	0.89

Source: UDISE+ 2021-22

