

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3710
ANSWERED ON- 05/04/2023

ESTIMATION OF DROPOUT CHILDREN

3710 Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any estimation of dropout of children between 6-14 years of age from school in the year 2021-22, and 2022-23, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the current budget includes any specific plan for bringing out-of-school children back to school, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE+), 2021-22, the annual average dropout rate at primary, upper primary and secondary level is at **Annexure**.

(b): The Department of School Education and Literacy, through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha provides financial assistance to the States and UTs for carrying out various interventions to provide equitable and qualitative education, including up-gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, setting up of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, free uniforms to eligible children and free text books at elementary level, transport allowance and undertaking enrolment & retention drives. Further, special training for age appropriate admission of out of school children and residential as well as non-residential training for older children, seasonal hostels / residential camps, special training centres at worksites, transport/ escort facility are also supported to bring out of school children to the formal schooling system. The norms for special training is ₹ 6000/- per child per annum for non-residential courses and ₹ 20,000/- per child per annum for residential courses.

This Department has 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. 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 Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, mandates the respective State and Union Territory Government- which are the appropriate Government, to provide free and compulsory elementary education to every child of the age 6 to 14 years in a neighbourhood school.

Also, Section 10 of the RTE Act states that it shall be the duty of every parent or guardian to admit or cause to be admitted his or her child or ward, as the case may be, for elementary education in the neighbourhood school.

Under 'Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman' (PM POSHAN) one hot cooked meal in Government and Government aided schools is provided to students at the elementary level of education, including Balvatika.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3710 ANSWERED ON 5th APRIL, 2023 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI BIKASH RANJAN BHATTACHARYYA REGARDING ESTIMATION OF DROPOUT CHILDREN

Annual Average Dropout Rate - Overall		
2021-22		
State/UT	Primary level	Upper Primary
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.42	1.0
Andhra Pradesh	-	1.6
Arunachal Pradesh	9.25	6.7
Assam	6.02	8.8
Bihar	-	4.6
Chandigarh	-	-
Chhattisgarh	0.77	4.1
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	-
Daman & Diu		
Delhi	-	-
Goa	-	-
Gujarat	-	4.9
Haryana	-	0.2
Himachal Pradesh	-	0.6
Jammu And Kashmir	4.03	3.0
Jharkhand	1.78	3.9
Karnataka	-	1.1
Kerala	-	-
Ladakh	6.51	1.1
Lakshadweep	0.45	2.6
Madhya Pradesh	3.08	8.8
Maharashtra	-	1.5
Manipur	13.26	5.6
Meghalaya	9.84	10.6
Mizoram	6.35	2.7
Nagaland	5.04	4.0
Odisha	-	7.3
Puducherry	3.67	2.4
Punjab	1.30	8.0
Rajasthan	3.57	4.3
Sikkim	1.76	-
Tamil Nadu	-	-
Telangana	-	3.1
Tripura	1.06	4.5
Uttar Pradesh	2.68	2.9
Uttarakhand	0.75	2.7
West Bengal	8.62	-
All India	1.46	3.0
<i>Source: UDISE+ 2021-22 D&NH and D&D is merged</i>		
<i>(-) Negative dropout rate have not been reported</i>		