

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-646**  
ANSWERED ON 08/02/2023

**Opening of new schools**

**646 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) details of the new Government Primary, Middle, Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools that have been opened in the country in each of the last five years, State-wise/ UTwise; and
- (b) details of the schools upgraded including that in Haryana during the last five years till the current year 2023, State-wise/ UT-wise, and year-wise?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) and (b): 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.

Further, Centre helps States and UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, which is an overarching scheme of school education covering all levels from pre-primary to senior secondary. Financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs for various activities to improve enrolment in Govt. schools, which include opening/strengthening of new schools up to senior secondary level, strengthening school infrastructure, setting up, up gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) upto class 12, setting up of residential schools/hostel named Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, transport allowance, undertaking enrolment drives, seasonal hostels/residential camps, provision of vocational education and ICT facilities in schools, etc, financial assistance is also provided for aids and appliances for children with special needs.

However, 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. Total Government schools as recorded in UDISE+ for the year 2017-18 to 2021-22 are given below.

Years	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Government Schools	10,94,543	10,83,747	10,32,570	10,32,049	10,22,386

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