

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-685**  
ANSWERED ON 08/02/2023

**Hand wash facilities in schools**

685 Smt. Ranjeet Ranjan:

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

- (a) year-wise details regarding the number of Government schools having hand wash facilities during the last five years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government recently claimed that hand wash facility was available in 45 per cent of schools in 2013-14 and in 2020-21, it is 97 per cent schools, despite knowing that till 2015-16, separate reports were made for elementary and secondary schools and therefore, in 2013-14, hand-washing facilities were almost 44.6% only in elementary schools and it was 58.14% in secondary schools; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and reasons for the inconsistency in the data?

**ANSWER**

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

**(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (c): 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. UDISE+ collects data School Management wise and school category wise. As per data recorded in UDISE+, number of Government schools having hand wash facility during last five years and 2013-14 for all school categories viz., Primary, Upper Primary, Secondary and Senior Secondary, year-wise is as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Government schools having hand wash facility</b>	<b>Percentage of Government schools having hand wash facility</b>
2013-14	430715	39.3
2017-18	598800	54.7
2018-19	959780	88.6
2019-20	934949	90.5
2020-21	953794	92.4
2021-22	962531	94.1

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