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Dropout of students at the secondary level in Jammu and Kashmir

189 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Jammu and Kashmir had a nearly 17 percent dropout rate amongst students at the secondary level;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) steps taken by Government to ensure accessibility to digital education in the region during the pandemic;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) and (b): 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 UDISE+ 2021-22, dropout rate in Jammu and Kashmir is 6 percent at the secondary level.

(c) to (e): Keeping in view the availability of digital infrastructure PRAGYATA Guidelines on Digital Education have been issued. The guidelines brief on various modes of digital education including online mode that depends more on availability of internet, partially online mode that utilizes the blended approach of digital technology and other offline activities, and offline mode that utilizes television and radio as a major medium of instruction of education. The guidelines can be accessed at: https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/pragyata-guidelines_0.pdf

Under ICT and Digital Initiatives, approval of Smart Classroom, hardware, software and other ICT elements are provided to States and UTs. For the year 2024-25, Rs. 4014.22 lakh have been approved under Smart Classrooms component for Jammu & Kashmir. 1703 smart Classrooms have been sanctioned to the UT of J&K. Further, students have been provided Tabs to explore digital content online. Soft copies of teaching learning and assessment material to teachers during pandemic through DIETS. Tele-classes on DD Kashmir and Local Cable Network were telecast. Under PM e-Vidya, 200 TV channels were provided to supplement education in various Indian languages for classes 1-12 including 5 dedicated channels for Jammu and Kashmir. An online portal was also developed for monitoring of implementation of Vocational Education in all the approved schools of J&K. Learning Management System (LMS): A digital platform was successfully launched in all the schools of J&K. In addition to online Education, the platform helps us in monitoring of the online classes, keeping track of the Teachers and student's attendance and the extent of daily learning through online classes.
