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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 190**  
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**Dropout rate of girl students in secondary and elementary education level in Jammu and Kashmir**

190 Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the dropout rates of girl students in secondary and elementary education levels in J&K have risen to 16.6 percent and 3.7 percent in 2019-20, from 1.6 percent and 2.5 percent respectively in 2017-19; and  
(b) if so, the reasons thereof and steps taken by Government to deal with the same?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)**

(a): 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+, dropout rates of girl students in Elementary and Secondary education levels in J&K for the year 2018-19 to 2021-22 is as follows:

Level of education	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Elementary	6.9	5.8	4.2	3.8
Secondary	17.7	18.6	4.6	6.3

(b): Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education is implementing the scheme of Samagra Shiksha for universalization of quality education throughout the country in coordination with the States and UTs including Jammu & Kashmir. Bridging gender and social gaps at all levels of school education is one of the major objectives of the Samagra Shiksha. Under Samagra Shiksha, various facilities are being provided for promoting girls education. These include opening of schools in the neighbourhood as defined by the State, free uniform and text-books to girls up to Class VIII, provision of gender segregated toilets in all schools, provision of self-defence training to girls from classes VI to XII, stipend to CWSN girls from class I to Class XII, among others, special State specific projects for equity such as life skills, awareness programmes, incinerators, sanitary pad vending machines etc., and vocationalization of secondary education.

In addition, to reduce the dropout of Girls at all levels of school education, under Samagra Shiksha, there is a provision of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) in the Educationally Backward Blocks where rural female literacy rate is below the national average. KGBVs are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and Below Poverty Line (BPL).

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