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**UNESCO's SDG-4 Scorecard Report**

2587 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per UNESCO's SDG-4 Scorecard Report India's progress at the lower secondary level is only 86 per cent and is not as anticipated;
- (b) the challenges being faced to retain students at secondary level in the country;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there is significant disparities in upper secondary level;
- (d) the benchmark set for upper secondary to be achieved by 2025;
- (e) whether it is on course to achieve; and
- (f) if not, plans to achieve the same?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)**

(a) to (c): UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) has developed SDG -4 score card and calculates Completion Rate at Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary based on the available National survey data. UIS has calculated completion Rate for the year 2019 based on NFHS 2019-21 and the details of Completion Rate for India are as under:

Level	Completion Rate (%)		
	As per NFHS 2019-21		
	Male	Female	Person
Lower Secondary	86.22	85.31	85.76
Upper Secondary	53.80	47.80	50.63

National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoS&PI) has released Comprehensive Annual Modular Survey (CAMS), a specialised survey covering subjects Education and AYUSH. Based on latest NSO report the Completion Rate for lower secondary and upper secondary for India are as under:

Level	Completion Rate (%)		
	As per NSO CAMS 2022-23		
	Male	Female	Person
Lower Secondary	92.00	92.80	92.40
Upper Secondary	79.60	76.90	78.30

The results of NSO survey have been shared with UIS for reflecting the same in their portal.

Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and most of the schools are under the jurisdiction of concerned States and UTs. 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. 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. The NEP, 2020 is premised in ensuring access and inclusivity for all and aims to achieve 100% Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for Secondary level by 2030.

(d) to (f): The benchmark set for Completion Rate at Upper Secondary for 2025 is 84.0%. Based on the progress made during 2019-2023 India is on track to achieve the set bench mark.

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