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RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 04/12/2024

School dropout rate in India

976 **Shri Satnam Singh Sandhu:**

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

- (a) the details of school dropout rate in India during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the details of the reasons behind high dropout rates in the country;
- (c) the present drop out rates in school and higher education in Punjab; and
- (d) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to tackle dropout rates in the country?

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+, State/UT-wise dropout rate by level of education during 2017-18 to 2021-22 is annexed at Annexure-I.

(b): The major reasons for drop-out of school children are to supplement household income, to attend domestic chores, not interested in studies, unable to cope up with studies, child suffering with some disability, poor health, education not considered necessary by the parents, preparation of competitive examination, marriage etc.

(c): Dropout rate is calculated upto secondary level of education and as per UDISE+, the dropout rates in school by level of education in Punjab is as follows:

| Year | Primary | Upper Primary | Secondary |
|---------|---------|---------------|-----------|
| 2021-22 | 1.3 | 8.0 | 17.2 |

(d): 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.

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).

Annexure - I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 976 ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024 ASKED BY HONB'LE MP SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU REGARDING 'SCHOOL DROPOUT RATE IN INDIA'

State/UT-wise dropout rate by level of education during 2017-18 to 2021-22

| Location | 2017-18 | | | 2018-19 | | | 2019-20 | | |
|---------------------------|---------|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------|-----------|
| | Primary | Upper Primary | Secondary | Primary | Upper Primary | Secondary | Primary | Upper Primary | Secondary |
| Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 0.2 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 22.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 15.7 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 0.0 | 0.2 | 22.9 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 16.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 14.8 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 8.1 | 7.2 | 19.0 | 13.8 | 6.7 | 36.0 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 34.3 |
| Assam | 10.1 | 5.4 | 33.7 | 3.1 | 1.9 | 31.5 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 32.3 |
| Bihar | 5.1 | 13.3 | 32.1 | 7.8 | 12.4 | 28.5 | 2.3 | 8.9 | 21.4 |
| Chandigarh | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 4.7 |
| Chhattisgarh | 1.9 | 5.0 | 20.1 | 3.4 | 7.0 | 19.8 | 1.0 | 3.8 | 18.3 |
| Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 0.1 | 2.3 | 25.1 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 20.5 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 20.3 |
| Daman & Diu | 0.4 | 1.7 | 21.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 21.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20.0 |
| Delhi | 0.0 | 1.6 | 17.5 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 14.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 13.9 |
| Goa | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.3 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 9.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 10.2 |
| Gujarat | 1.7 | 7.5 | 20.6 | 2.3 | 7.4 | 23.8 | 1.0 | 5.2 | 23.7 |
| Haryana | 0.0 | 0.4 | 13.5 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 14.8 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 13.3 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 0.0 | 0.6 | 6.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 7.8 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 7.2 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 2.9 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 17.8 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 18.5 |
| Jharkhand | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.5 | 5.4 | 10.2 | 22.3 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 16.6 |
| Karnataka | 1.7 | 2.6 | 24.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 23.4 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 16.8 |
| Kerala | 0.1 | 0.0 | 12.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.9 |
| Ladakh | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Lakshadweep | 0.0 | 1.8 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.7 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 4.0 | 6.4 | 24.2 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 24.9 | 0.8 | 4.1 | 23.2 |
| Maharashtra | 0.2 | 1.7 | 12.6 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 15.2 |
| Manipur | 3.4 | 0.5 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 3.4 | 13.0 | 8.8 | 4.0 | 9.2 |
| Meghalaya | 1.7 | 5.9 | 17.5 | 16.9 | 9.5 | 19.5 | 7.0 | 8.0 | 22.2 |
| Mizoram | 8.0 | 7.0 | 19.7 | 7.5 | 3.1 | 10.6 | 7.8 | 2.5 | 20.4 |
| Nagaland | 4.6 | 3.9 | 13.2 | 11.4 | 4.6 | 24.1 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 21.2 |
| Odisha | 5.8 | 5.4 | 28.3 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 9.5 | 0.8 | 4.5 | 23.6 |
| Puducherry | 3.2 | 1.9 | 17.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 12.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.9 |
| Punjab | 2.9 | 4.0 | 12.4 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 11.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 |
| Rajasthan | 3.4 | 2.8 | 10.5 | 5.2 | 3.8 | 12.7 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 12.3 |
| Sikkim | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.1 | 5.4 | 1.1 | 23.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 23.2 |
| Tamilnadu | 5.9 | 9.1 | 16.2 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 13.0 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 9.6 |
| Telangana | 3.5 | 2.6 | 17.1 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 13.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 12.3 |
| Tripura | 0.9 | 2.6 | 27.2 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 29.6 | 2.0 | 3.5 | 26.7 |
| Uttarakhand | 3.4 | 2.4 | 11.4 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 11.0 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 8.4 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 7.2 | 7.4 | 19.0 | 9.7 | 5.7 | 15.5 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 14.4 |
| West Bengal | 0.2 | 0.0 | 14.7 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 19.5 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 13.8 |
| India | 3.5 | 5.0 | 18.9 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 17.9 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 16.1 |

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| Location | 2020-21 | | | 2021-22 | | |
|---------------------------|---------|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------|-----------|
| | Primary | Upper Primary | Secondary | Primary | Upper Primary | Secondary |
| Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 2.3 | 0.4 | 7.0 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 5.0 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 0.0 | 0.5 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 16.3 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 8.1 | 7.1 | 10.1 | 9.3 | 6.7 | 11.7 |
| Assam | 3.3 | 4.9 | 30.3 | 6.0 | 8.8 | 20.3 |
| Bihar | 0.0 | 2.8 | 17.6 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 20.5 |
| Chandigarh | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Chhattisgarh | 0.7 | 4.1 | 13.4 | 0.8 | 4.1 | 9.7 |
| Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 2.6 | 0.6 | 18.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.5 |
| Daman & Diu | 6.9 | 3.6 | 15.4 | | | |
| Delhi | 0.0 | 1.1 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.8 |
| Goa | 1.5 | 0.8 | 5.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.0 |
| Gujarat | 1.0 | 4.5 | 23.3 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 17.9 |
| Haryana | 2.1 | 1.8 | 10.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 5.9 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 1.9 | 1.4 | 7.6 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.5 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 4.4 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 6.0 |
| Jharkhand | 3.5 | 5.4 | 13.0 | 1.8 | 3.9 | 9.3 |
| Karnataka | 1.1 | 2.0 | 16.6 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 14.7 |
| Kerala | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.5 |
| Ladakh | 4.1 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 6.5 | 1.1 | 4.9 |
| Lakshadweep | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 2.6 | 0.0 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1.3 | 6.4 | 23.8 | 3.1 | 8.8 | 10.1 |
| Maharashtra | 1.0 | 1.5 | 11.2 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 10.7 |
| Manipur | 8.5 | 4.0 | 9.4 | 13.3 | 5.6 | 1.3 |
| Meghalaya | 7.4 | 9.0 | 27.6 | 9.8 | 10.6 | 21.7 |
| Mizoram | 8.1 | 5.3 | 20.0 | 6.4 | 2.7 | 11.9 |
| Nagaland | 5.9 | 4.2 | 23.6 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 17.5 |
| Odisha | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 7.3 | 27.3 |
| Puducherry | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.9 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 6.3 |
| Punjab | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.0 | 1.3 | 8.0 | 17.2 |
| Rajasthan | 1.0 | 2.7 | 8.9 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 7.7 |
| Sikkim | 1.2 | 0.0 | 21.6 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 11.9 |
| Tamilnadu | 0.6 | 0.6 | 6.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.5 |
| Telangana | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.9 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 13.7 |
| Tripura | 4.2 | 5.5 | 26.7 | 1.1 | 4.5 | 8.3 |
| Uttarakhand | 1.7 | 2.1 | 8.3 | 0.8 | 2.7 | 5.0 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 2.2 | 4.6 | 12.5 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 9.7 |
| West Bengal | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.3 | 8.6 | 0.0 | 18.0 |
| India | 0.8 | 2.3 | 14.0 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 12.6 |

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