

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1471
ANSWERED ON 12/03/2025

Drop in enrolment of students in schools

1471 **Shri Pramod Tiwari:**

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

- (a) whether according to UDISE+ report, for the first time in many years, enrolment of students in schools witnessed a dip in 2022-23 and 2023-24 as compared to previous four years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the largest fall in enrolment in 2023-24 compared to 2018-19, State-wise including the States which did not register a fall in enrolment; and
- (d) whether Government has asked States with significant drop in enrolment to explain the reasons behind it, if so, the details thereof?

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+, number of students recorded for the year 2022-23 and 2023-24 is 25,17,91,722 and 24,80,45,828 respectively.

(b) to (d): As per UDISE+, State/UT-wise enrolment for the year 2018-19 and 2023-24 is annexed at Annexure-I.

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. Further, Central Government assist States and UTs through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha. to reduce dropout. Also, based on the recommendations of National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), w.e.f 2022-23 UDISE+ has been revitalized, to capture individual student wise data and created student's registry. There has been a complete change in the manner of collection of data from 2022-23 onwards from gross enrolment data to individual student data. It makes comparison of data from previous years statistically different/inchoate.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) to (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1471 ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025 ASKED BY HONB'LE MP SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI REGARDING 'DROP IN ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS'

State/UT-wise enrolment for the year 2018-19 and 2023-24

India/ State /UT	2018-19	2023-24
India	260294216	248045828
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	77500	72119
Andhra Pradesh	7861899	8741885
Arunachal Pradesh	346878	323717
Assam	7454002	6922533
Bihar	24913334	21348149
Chandigarh	268890	265706
Chhattisgarh	5953354	5776548
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	85575	141282
Daman and Diu	41909	
Delhi	4416771	4506578
Goa	311524	304735
Gujarat	11755612	11496709
Haryana	5894485	5599742
Himachal Pradesh	1475751	1426412
Jammu and Kashmir	2538513	2629949
Jharkhand	8163423	7143255
Karnataka	11950522	11926303
Kerala	6361611	6281704
Ladakh	56670	56642
Lakshadweep	12803	12591
Madhya Pradesh	16284778	15361543
Maharashtra	23231693	21375970
Manipur	706939	647434
Meghalaya	1144831	1052884
Mizoram	306818	293763
Nagaland	463696	412975
Odisha	8258830	7756910
Puducherry	271093	244828
Punjab	6020083	5988681
Rajasthan	17520027	16786065
Sikkim	146469	121395
Tamil Nadu	13416691	12993050
Telangana	6701217	7293644
Tripura	741376	689408
Uttar Pradesh	44489558	41662794
Uttarakhand	2453141	2372400
West Bengal	18195950	18015525

Source: UDISE+