

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2896**  
ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025

**Increase in children drop out from school**

2896 **Dr. M. Thambidurai:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that children drop out from school has increased over the years in different States;
- (b) if so, the details of children dropped out between the ages 6-14, during the last five years, year-wise, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to stop children dropping out of school?

**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 for the year 202-23 and 2023-24 is at Annexure-I.

(b): As per UDISE+, State/UT-wise dropout rate in schools at elementary level of education from the year 2019-20 to 2023-24 is at Annexure-II.

(c): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. Central Government assist States and UTs through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha and Mid Day Meal provided from Balvatika to class 8 under Pradhan Mantri Poshan Yojana. Financial assistance is also provided to the States and UTs for various activities to reduce dropout and increase enrolment in Government schools, which include opening/strengthening of new schools up to senior secondary level, strengthening school infrastructure, setting up and up gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) upto class 12, setting up of residential schools/hostels named Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, hostels under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), transport allowance, undertaking enrolment drives, seasonal hostels/residential camps, provision of vocational education and ICT facilities in schools, providing free text books and free uniform, transport/escort facility, etc, financial assistance is also provided for aids and appliances for children with special needs

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**Annexure-I**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2896 ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP DR. M. THAMBIDURAI REGARDING 'INCREASE IN CHILDREN DROP OUT FROM SCHOOL'

**State/UT-wise dropout rate by level of education for the year 2022-23 and 2023-24**

India/State/UT	Dropout Rate 2022-2023			Dropout Rate 2023-2024		
	Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary	Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary
India	7.8	8.1	16.4	1.9	5.2	14.1
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	1	5.5	0.8	0.4	5.5
Andhra Pradesh	0	0	14.7	0.2	1.1	12.5
Arunachal Pradesh	15	10.5	16.9	5.4	6.8	19.3
Assam	8.5	10.3	29.5	6.2	8.2	25.1
Bihar	10.7	15.8	29.5	8.9	25.9	25.6
Chandigarh	0	0.5	1.1	0	0.4	2.9
Chhattisgarh	5.4	6.6	18.2	1.8	5.3	16.3
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	0	0.7	18.8	1.6	3.1	18.7
Delhi	0	1.9	7.3	0	0.6	10.4
Goa	0.3	1.9	8.8	0.8	1.1	8.1
Gujarat	0	5.8	23.3	0.1	4.2	21
Haryana	1.4	3.6	15.4	1.2	4.7	13.8
Himachal Pradesh	1	2	6.7	0	0.6	4.9
Jammu and Kashmir	8.9	4.2	9	1.6	3.2	13.4
Jharkhand	11.5	14.5	25.7	0.9	9	15.2
Karnataka	0	0	14.9	1.7	2.7	22.1
Kerala	3.1	1.9	6.7	0	0	3.4
Ladakh	5.1	2.7	11.6	4.3	5.8	19.8
Lakshadweep	4.6	7.7	9.8	2.3	3.1	2.6
Madhya Pradesh	6.8	10.1	21.4	1	6.7	17.7
Maharashtra	5	5.8	16	0	0.6	10.1
Manipur	12.9	8.9	13.5	4.5	3.5	15.3
Meghalaya	13.6	16.4	28.9	7.5	12.4	22
Mizoram	14.8	10.5	24	3.5	5.9	14.8
Nagaland	9.8	9	21.5	4.5	5.8	11.6
Odisha	0	3.1	17.7	0	2	12.8
Puducherry	3.2	2.2	7.5	1.2	1.4	7.8
Punjab	3.1	5.3	9.7	0.1	2.6	6
Rajasthan	4.4	5.7	11.9	7.6	6.8	11.1
Sikkim	4.5	2.2	15.4	2.6	4.9	19
Tamil Nadu	2.3	0	10.3	0	0	7.7
Telangana	2.1	5	11.6	0	0	11.4
Tripura	1.4	5.9	17.9	0.5	4.1	10.4
Uttar Pradesh	18.8	16	14.7	1.7	3.9	8.7
Uttarakhand	7.4	5.8	8.4	0.1	2.3	7
West Bengal	8.1	3.4	8.5	0	0	17.8

**Annexure-II**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2896 ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025 ASKED BY HONB'LE MP DR. M. THAMBIDURAI REGARDING 'INCREASE IN CHILDREN DROP OUT FROM SCHOOL'

**State/UT-wise dropout rate in schools at elementary level of education from the year 2019-20 to 2023-24**

States/UT	Years				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.0	1.6	0.6	0.4	0.6
Andhra Pradesh	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5
Arunachal Pradesh	6.6	7.8	8.4	13.4	5.9
Assam	4.0	3.8	7.0	9.1	6.8
Bihar	4.5	0.0	0.3	12.4	14.6
Chandigarh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chhattisgarh	2.1	1.9	2.0	5.8	3.0
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	2.2
Daman & Diu	0.0				
Delhi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Goa	0.1	1.3	0.0	0.9	0.9
Gujarat	2.6	2.3	1.7	1.6	1.6
Haryana	0.2	2.0	0.0	2.2	2.5
Himachal Pradesh	0.8	1.7	0.0	1.4	0.0
Jammu & Kashmir	3.7	4.0	3.7	7.3	2.2
Jharkhand	7.0	4.1	2.5	12.6	3.8
Karnataka	1.6	1.4	0.0	0.0	2.1
Kerala	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0
Ladakh	3.0	3.4	4.6	4.3	4.8
Lakshadweep	0.0	0.0	1.1	5.7	2.6
Madhya Pradesh	2.0	3.2	5.2	8.0	3.1
Maharashtra	0.4	1.2	0.6	5.3	0.0
Manipur	7.3	7.1	10.8	11.6	4.1
Meghalaya	7.3	7.9	10.1	14.5	9.1
Mizoram	6.1	7.1	5.1	13.3	4.3
Nagaland	4.6	5.3	4.7	9.5	5.0
Odisha	2.2	0.0	2.4	1.1	0.7
Puducherry	0.0	0.0	3.2	2.8	1.3
Punjab	0.0	0.0	3.9	3.9	1.0
Rajasthan	2.4	1.5	3.8	4.8	7.3
Sikkim	0.0	0.0	1.0	3.6	3.5
Tamil Nadu	0.8	0.6	0.0	1.5	0.0
Telangana	0.0	0.0	0.8	3.2	0.0
Tripura	2.6	4.7	2.3	3.1	1.8
Uttar Pradesh	2.5	2.9	2.8	17.9	2.5
Uttarakhand	2.4	1.9	1.5	6.8	0.9
West Bengal	0.0	0.0	4.0	6.4	0.0