

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

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1941

ANSWERED ON- 06.08.2025

CLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

1941 **Shri Sandosh Kumar P:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Government schools closed down in the country during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for the closure of Government schools in the country;
- (c) the list of new Government schools opened in the country over the last five years, State-wise;
- (d) whether Government has any plan to increase the number of schools in the rural areas of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e): The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL) 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+, the State/UT-wise number of Government schools of last 5 years are at Annexure I.

Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and the opening, merger/closing of schools are within the purview of respective State Government and UT Administration-which are the appropriate Government under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

The new/upgraded schools approved from 2021-22 to 2025-26 under Samagra Shiksha are at Annexure II.

Under the integrated centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs for opening/strengthening of new schools upto senior secondary level, construction of school buildings & additional classrooms.

Under Samagra Shiksha all States and UTs submit their proposals for all interventions contained in the scheme through their Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) as per their priorities and requirements. The proposals are appraised and approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in the Ministry in consultation with the respective State/UT government and funds are allocated accordingly, as per norms. The funds, under the scheme of Samagra Shiksha, are released based on the fulfillment of guidelines prescribed by Ministry of Finance.

ANNEXURE I

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (E) OF RAJYA SABHA
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The State/UT-wise number of Government schools of the last 5 years is as below:

State/UT	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	342	342	342	342	340
Andhra Pradesh	45115	45145	45137	45167	45000
Arunachal Pradesh	3056	3061	2985	2922	2847
Assam	47157	46749	45490	44925	45008
Bihar	72610	75555	75558	75550	78120
Chandigarh	121	121	123	119	119
Chhattisgarh	48547	48619	48743	48728	48803
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	300	407	388	387	360
Daman & Diu	109				
Delhi	2767	2751	2762	2673	2693
Goa	827	821	814	806	789
Gujarat	35040	34967	34699	34651	34597
Haryana	14484	14563	14562	14443	14374
Himachal Pradesh	15398	15391	15380	15447	15217
Jammu & Kashmir	23165	23167	23173	18785	18785
Jharkhand	35931	35888	35840	35764	35795
Karnataka	49834	49791	49679	49520	49306
Kerala	5014	5020	5010	4811	4809
Ladakh	913	915	838	841	841
Lakshadweep	45	45	38	37	37
Madhya Pradesh	99411	99152	92695	92741	92439
Maharashtra	65886	65734	65639	65431	65157
Manipur	2876	2878	2889	2922	2934
Meghalaya	7799	7795	7783	7778	7779
Mizoram	2552	2558	2563	2567	2587
Nagaland	2011	1975	1960	1954	1952
Odisha	53260	50256	49072	48767	48671
Puducherry	422	422	422	422	420
Punjab	19377	19330	19259	19245	19242
Rajasthan	67660	68813	68948	69538	70233
Sikkim	851	851	864	864	864
Tamil Nadu	37579	37589	37636	37658	37672
Telangana	30001	30015	30023	29997	30022
Tripura	4275	4265	4262	4245	4238
Uttar Pradesh	137638	137068	137024	137003	137102
Uttarakhand	16741	16651	16484	16381	16201
West Bengal	83456	83379	83302	82579	82307

Source: UDISE, UDISE+

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The new/upgraded schools approved from 2021-22 to 2025-26 under Samagra Shiksha are as follows:

S. No.	State/UT	New Primary School	New Upper Primary /Upgradation from Primary to Upper Primary	Upgradation from Upper Primary to Secondary	Upgradation from Secondary to Hr. Secondary / Additional Stream in Hr Secondary	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	1	0	0	1
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	1	2	2	5
3	Assam	0	12	37	38	87
4	Chhattisgarh	0	0	19	3	22
5	Dadra And Nagar Haveli	0	0	6	1	7
6	Gujarat	0	0	38	0	38
7	Jammu And Kashmir	0	0	3	1	4
8	Karnataka	0	0	23	34	57
9	Ladakh	0	1	6	0	7
10	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	45	42	87
11	Maharashtra	0	2	0	0	2
12	Manipur	17	18	10	18	63
13	Meghalaya	0	0	15	16	31
14	Mizoram	4	4	9	38	55
15	Nagaland	0	0	0	4	4
16	Odisha	0	46	77	253	376
17	Puducherry	0	0	0	1	1
18	Punjab	0	0	0	236	236
19	Rajasthan	0	279	0	262	541
20	Sikkim	0	1	3	1	5
21	Tripura	6	11	2	13	32
22	Uttar Pradesh	89	11	147	88	335
23	Uttarakhand	0	2	2	3	7
24	West Bengal	0	7	0	0	7
Total		116	396	444	1054	2010

Source: PRABANDH
