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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-348

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Increasing Dropout Rates

348 Smt. Ranjeet Ranjan:

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

- (a) the number of students who dropped out of school at the Primary, Upper Primary and Secondary levels in 2023-24 and 2024-25, State-wise, gender-wise and social category-wise;
- (b) whether Government has district-wise dropout data for Scheduled Tribes and children with disabilities, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any studies or inquiries have been conducted to investigate reasons for students dropping out of school; and
- (d) the number of schools without functional toilets, drinking water, electricity and digital learning infrastructure as of June 2025 by school management category (Central, State, aided, private), Statewise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

- (a) and (b): 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, gender-wise and social category-wise dropout rate for the year 2022-23 and 2023-24 is available at https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl_ques.
- (c): As per NSS (75th Round), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), 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.
- (d): As per UDISE+ 2023-24, State/UT and management wise percentage of schools with girl's toilets, boy's toilet, drinking water, electricity, computer and internet facility for the year 2023-24 are available at https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl_ques.
