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School dropout rates in Uttar Pradesh

351 # **Dr. Laxmikant Bajpayee:**

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

- (a) the district-wise details of school dropout rates in Uttar Pradesh during the last five years, as per the Ministry's Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+);
- (b) the details of various schemes/measures undertaken to prevent or reduce dropouts, particularly among girls; and
- (c) whether any assessment of the impact of such schemes/measures has been carried out; and
- (d) the details of achievements in reducing school dropouts in Uttar Pradesh and other States during the last five years?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): 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+, States/UTs wise dropout rate by level of education including Uttar Pradesh from the year 2019-20 and 2023-24 is available at https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl_ques.

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 hot cooked meal provided from Balvatika to class 8 under Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Yojna. Financial assistance/grant is also provided to the States and UTs including Uttar Pradesh 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/grant is also provided for aids and appliances for children with special needs.

The State of Uttar Pradesh to reduce dropout rate has implemented a comprehensive approach focused on enrollment, awareness, and community participation. "School Chalo Abhiyan" is organized to ensure 100% enrollment of children across the state. To further improve student retention, Parent-Teacher Meetings are regularly organized to address dropout concerns and enhance attendance. Additionally, Block-level Orientation Programs are conducted to sensitize local authorities and SMCs, fostering greater awareness and responsibility in ensuring children's enrollment and continued education. These initiatives collectively aim to strengthen the education system and reduce dropout rates effectively.

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.
