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School dropout rates

1131 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) whether Government maintains State-wise and year-wise data on school dropout rates at primary, upper-primary, secondary and senior secondary levels, if so, the details thereof during the last five years;
- (b) the key reasons identified for high dropout rates in specific States;
- (c) whether any special studies or surveys have been undertaken to assess dropout patterns among socio-economically vulnerable groups, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the major schemes and interventions currently being implemented to reduce dropout rates and bring out-of-school children back into the education system?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per UDISE+ (Unified District Information System for Education Plus), State/UT wise and year-wise dropout rates at primary, upper-primary and secondary level from the year 2020-21 to 2024-25 is available at <https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl ques>.

(b): As per report titled 'Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)' for the year 2023-24, 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.

(c): As per UDISE+, dropout rates at primary, upper-primary and secondary level for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) for the year 2024-25 are available at <https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl ques>.

(d): 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 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.
