

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1143

ANSWERED ON 10/12/2025

Schools with zero enrollment and teachers on payroll

1143 **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**
Smt. Ranjeet Ranjan:

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

- (a) year-wise and State-wise details of number of Government schools with zero student enrollments since 2023 and number of teachers employed and drawing salaries in such schools;
- (b) the total annual expenditure incurred on salaries and maintenance of these schools during the same period;
- (c) the number of schools closed, merged or repurposed since during last five years due to low or zero enrollment, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the number of zero-enrollment schools situated in districts with a higher population of students from SC, ST and other minority communities; and
- (e) the details and year of audit report relating to financial management of such schools?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per UDISE+, State/UT wise number of Government schools with less than ten or zero student enrolment along with the number of teachers in these schools from the 2022-23 to 2024-25 is available at https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl_ques.

Education being a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, an overwhelming majority of the schools in the country comes under the administrative control of States/UTs. The recruitment, remuneration and rational deployment of teachers fall under the purview of the respective State Governments/UT Administrations. The Central Government through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, provides financial assistance to the States and UTs to maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for various levels of schooling, as per norms prescribed in the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, as amended from time to time.

As per UDISE+, year-wise number of Government schools in States/UTs from the year 2019-20 to 2024-25 is available at https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl_ques.

(d): The requisite data for the year 2024-25 is available at https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl_ques.

(e): Department of Expenditure had clarified vide their OM dated 18.8.2016 regarding laying of Annual Reports and Audit Reports, the States/UTs have been directed to submit their Audit Reports in their respective State/UT Assemblies. Accordingly, the States/UTs are laying their Annual Audited Reports in their respective Assemblies and submitting their Annual Reports to this department for laying in both the Houses of the Parliament. UTs without legislature are submitting their Annual Reports and Audit Reports for laying in both the Houses of the Parliament.
