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Declining enrollment in Andhra Pradesh Government schools

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 6–14 year old enrollment in Andhra Pradesh Government schools fell from 70.8 percent in 2022 to 61.8 percent in 2024;
- (b) the evaluations of schemes like infrastructure upgrades and Mid-Day Meals; and
- (c) the policy measures proposed to reverse the decline with timelines, the detail thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per UDISE+ (Unified District Information System for Education Plus), enrolment of students in Class 1 – 8 (Elementary level), in Government schools of Andhra Pradesh, during 2022-23 and 2024-25 is 31,71,466 and 26,15,935 respectively.

(b) & (c): Government of India is implementing Samagra Shiksha, an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-primary to Class-XII. Samagra Shiksha aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education, across the country. Financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for improving school infrastructure, universal access, bringing gender equity, promoting inclusive education, quality education, digital initiatives, strengthening teacher education institutions, vocational education, entitlements under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, etc. Some of the major interventions under Samagra Shiksha are as follows: -

- i. Upgradation and improvement of school infrastructure including classrooms, basic facilities, sanitation, safe and clean environment making government schools more attractive.
- ii. Support for providing school uniforms, and text books.
- iii. Support for pre-primary class in government schools to help children get into formal school system from early age, increasing overall enrollment.

- iv. Identifying Out of School Children (OoSC) and giving support for continuing their education in age-appropriate class.
- v. Support for Smart classrooms, digital boards, ICT labs, virtual classrooms to modernize government schools and reduce the school appeal gap *vis a vis* private school.
- vi. Support for transport facilities to provide access to school.
- vii. Support for Children with Special Needs (CwSN).
- viii. Support for Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs), and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya (NSCBAV) for marginal / weaker sections to continue education in a safe residential/ school facility up to higher classes.
- ix. Support for strengthening teacher education.

Further, PM POSHAN scheme (Mid-Day Meal) is implemented to provide a nutritious hot cooked meal in government and aided schools, and is periodically evaluated for coverage, quality, nutrition norms and impact on enrolment, retention and attendance.

Implementation of Samagra Shiksha and PM POSHAN schemes are regularly reviewed to assess adequacy / utilization of infrastructure and for achieving desired objectives. Annual Work Plan & Budget of Samagra Shiksha of States/UTs is prepared/approved taking into consideration the infrastructure gaps and funding under Samagra Shiksha is provided to address such gaps. The position is regularly monitored through periodical review meetings with States/UTs.

The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been undertaking continuous evaluation of PM POSHAN (Mid-Day Meal) Scheme in all Government Schools. Following initiatives have been taken under this scheme to improve the enrolment of students in Government schools:-

- i. Zone wise menu as per local taste of children and available ingredients duly taking the inputs from Nutritional and Educational Experts as per Government of India Nutritional Norms.
- ii. Supply of fortified fine quality rice.

State Governments are encouraged to undertake enrolment drives, door-to-door campaigns, community mobilization, etc. to increase enrollment of students in Government schools.
