

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON- 17/12/2025**

Remedial and bridge courses for out-of-school children

1956 **Smt. Sulata Deo:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry will provide support for establishing remedial and bridge courses for out-of-school children and dropouts in the State of Odisha; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Education is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and majority of the schools come under the purview of the respective State and UT Government. As informed by State Govt. of Odisha, the out of school children of the age group 6-14 years have been admitted in age appropriate classes through "Aasa School Jiba" campaign and provisioned with bridge course or special training as per their specification. To address their learning gaps, bridge course materials have been developed by TE & SCERT and the detail guidelines for its implementation have been communicated to all districts of State.

Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, State Government is supported based on annual plans prepared by the State based on their requirements and priority and this is reflected in their respective Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) Proposals which are then appraised and approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in the Department of School Education & Literacy in consultation with the State as per the programmatic and financial norms of the scheme, and physical and financial progress of the State for the interventions approved. Support for special training of out of school children under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme is provided to all states and UTs. During 2025-26, Rs. 219.10 lakh has been approved for this component for Odisha.
