

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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High dropout rate in Delhi Government schools

333 Ms. Swati Maliwal:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that, over the past ten years, a large number of Class 9 students in Delhi, who failed, have been forced by the Delhi Government into NIOS, resulting in high dropout rates;
- (b) the number of students failed in Class 9 in Delhi Government schools over the last five years, year-wise, how many were enrolled in NIOS, and the dropout rate; and
- (c) whether this policy is used to artificially improve school results and what steps are being taken to correct this malpractice and ensure accountability of Delhi Government?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Education being a concurrent subject, an overwhelming majority of schools in the country are managed by respected States and UTs.

One of the objectives of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is to provide opportunity to students of Government schools who fail repeatedly, from dropping out of the school education system. In furtherance of their own education, willing students are brought back to formal education (in their parent school) after passing class X from NIOS.

The details of the number of students failed in class 9 in Delhi Government Schools and admitted in NIOS over the last five years may be accessed at https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl_ques

Details of the number of students failed in class 9 in Delhi Government Schools and
admitted in NIOS over the last five years

Year	No. of students failed	Year	No. of Students admitted in NIOS
2020-21	31541	2021-22	11,322
2021-22	28548	2022-23	10,598
2022-23	88421	2023-24	29,436
2023-24	101344	2024-25	7,794
2024-25	70296	2025-26	11,974
