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Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) rankings

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Education Policy, 2020 aims for a 100 per cent Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) by 2030;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that as per SDG INDIA INDEX 2023-24, Bihar ranked last and second last among States and UTs in terms of GER (class 11-12) and GER (Higher Education), respectively; and
- (c) if so, the actions taken by Government to improve the situation, including actions such as higher teacher-pupil ratio, specially in the laggard States like Bihar, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The NEP, 2020 is premised in ensuring access and inclusivity for all and aims to achieve 100% Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in preschool to Secondary level by 2030.

(b): As per SDG INDIA INDEX 2023-24, published by NITI Aayog, performance of Bihar in terms of GER (class 11-12) and GER (Higher Education) is 35.9 and 17.1 respectively. The State/UT wise performance in SDG INDIA INDEX 2023-24 report is available at [https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2024-07/SDG India Index 2023-24.pdf](https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2024-07/SDG_India_Index_2023-24.pdf).

(c): 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. 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 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.
