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100 per cent GER at all levels of school education

3704 **Shri Mukul Balkrishna Wasnik:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government aims at achieving 100 per cent Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at all levels of school education;
- (b) the details of GER at the primary education level, secondary and higher secondary grades;
- (c) whether Government has identified the reasons for low GER especially at the secondary and higher secondary grades; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government to ensure 100 per cent GER at all levels of school education?

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) and (c): As per Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+), Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) by level of education for the year 2024-25 is given below:

Year	Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) – All Social Groups			
	Primary (1 to 5)	Upper Primary (6 to 8)	Secondary (9-10)	Higher Secondary (11-12)
2024-25	90.9	90.3	78.7	58.4

As per report titled 'Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)' for the year 2023-24 released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the major reasons for the students who never attended or ever attended but currently not attending the schools are to supplement household income, to attend domestic chores, education not considered necessary, etc.

(d): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. The 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 opening/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.
