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Decline in Government school enrolment

3716 **Shri Sant Balbir Singh:**

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

- (a) key reasons identified by Government for a large number of children leaving Government schools and moving to private schools;
- (b) whether any study, survey has been conducted to analyze causes of declining enrolment in Government schools and the findings of such studies; and
- (c) policy responses or corrective actions planned or implemented to retain students in Government schools, improve confidence among parents and make public education more attractive and competitive?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+), the enrolment in government and private schools from the year 2022-23 to 2024-25 are given below:

Year	Enrolment (pre-primary to Higher Secondary)		
	Total	Government	Private
2022-23	251791722	136204917	84162385
2023-24	248045828	127490199	90036939
2024-25	246932680	121589911	95856710

Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Government. The Department of School Education and Literacy is implementing Samagra Shiksha, an integrated scheme for school education in 2018-19 covering the entire gamut from pre-school to class XII. The scheme has also been aligned with the recommendations of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to ensure that all children have access to quality education with an equitable and inclusive classroom environment which should take care of their diverse background, multilingual needs, different academic abilities and make them active participants in the learning process.

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.
