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School drop out rates in Andhra Pradesh

4184 **Shri Yerram Venkata Subba Reddy:**

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

(a) whether, as of May, 2024, number of students in schools (Government and private) was 87.42 lakhs in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether above figure has come down to 69.42 lakhs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as of May, 2024, there were nearly 42 lakh students in Government schools which has come down now to 33.80 lakhs in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether there is dropout of nearly 8 lakh students between May, 2024 and December, 2025; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and how Government is going to rectify this and ensure more and more enrolments in schools of Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): As per UDISE+ (Unified District Information System for Education Plus) report, enrolment of students in Andhra Pradesh from Pre-Primary to Class XII for the year 2024-25 and 2025- 26 (Provisional) is as under –

Year	Government Schools	Private Schools	Total (Government Schools + Private Schools)
2024-25	3643083	4701905	8344988
2025-26 (Provisional)	3493449	4834999	8328448

Government of India is implementing Samagra Shiksha, an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-primary to Class-XII. Samagra Shiksha aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education, across the country. Financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for improving school infrastructure, universal access, bringing gender equity, promoting inclusive education, quality education, digital initiatives, strengthening teacher education institutions, vocational education, entitlements under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, etc. Some of the major interventions under Samagra Shiksha are as follows: -

- a. Upgradation and improvement of school infrastructure including classrooms, basic facilities, sanitation, safe and clean environment making government schools more attractive.
- b. Support for providing school uniforms, and text books.
- c. Support for pre-primary class in government schools to help children get into formal school system from early age, increasing overall enrollment.
- d. Identifying Out of School Children (OoSC) and giving support for continuing their education in age-appropriate class.
- e. Support for Smart classrooms, digital boards, ICT labs, virtual classrooms to modernize government schools.
- f. Support for transport facilities to provide access to school.
- g. Additional support for Children with Special Needs (CwSN).
- h. Support for Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs), and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya (NSCBAV) for marginal / weaker sections to continue education in a safe residential / school facility up to higher classes.
- i. Construction of hostels for PVTGs (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) under PM-JANMAN (*Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan*), and construction of hostels under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) for unsaturated ST population.
- j. Support for strengthening teacher education institutions.

States /UTs are encouraged to undertake enrolment drives, door-to-door campaigns, community mobilization, etc., to increase enrollment of students in Government schools.

Government of India is also implementing PM POSHAN scheme (Mid-Day Meal) to provide nutritious hot cooked meals in government and aided schools to facilitate increase in enrolment, retention and attendance.

State Government of Andhra Pradesh has also informed that SMS alerts are sent to parents when students remain absent for more than three consecutive days. Further, in cases where a student is absent for over a week, concerned Welfare and Education Official at the Gram Panchayat level visits the student's residence to ascertain the reasons for absence and ensure their return to school.
