

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.187
ANSWERED ON – 05/08/2026

Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and Gender Inclusion Fund

187 # **Dr. Jyoti Nagnath Waghmare:**

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

(a) the total Central budget allocated and released for the development of school education infrastructure (such as digital classrooms, labs, and toilets) in Maharashtra during the financial years 2025-26 and 2026-27 under the 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan'; and

(b) the specific steps that have been taken to reduce the dropout rate of girls and students from disadvantaged sections in Maharashtra under the 'Gender Inclusion Fund' of the National Education Policy?

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) AND (B) OF RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.187 ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2026 ASKED BY DR.
JYOTI NAGNATH WAGHMARE, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
REGARDING "SAMAGRA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN AND GENDER INCLUSION FUND"**

(a): 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 Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha is implemented in partnership with all the States and UTs. Financial assistance is provided to all States and UTs for various components for implementation of the interventions under Samagra Shiksha as per norms. The need for infrastructure augmentation in schools including rural and backward areas are worked out in a decentralized manner every year by the respective State/Union Territory on incremental basis depending on their need and priority and reflected in their Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B). These plans are then appraised and approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in the Department of School Education & Literacy in consultation with the States and Union Territories. Central Government releases funds to State/UTs in instalments and intervention-wise releases are not made. In Financial Year 2025-26, under non-recurring head, through which School Education infrastructure is financed, against the central share allocation of Rs 527.34 crore, an amount of Rs 398.06 crore was released as central share to the State of Maharashtra. In the Financial Year 2026-27 under non-recurring head, an amount of Rs 390.756 crore has been allocated as central Share. State has reported an opening balance (central Share) of Rs. 207.76 crore in FY 2026-27 available for expenditure for non-recurring activities in the year.

(b): 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 provided to the States and UTs for various activities to reduce dropout of students (including girls and student from disadvantaged sections) 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(NSCBAV), 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, installation of sanitary pad vending machines and incinerators in girls' hostels and upper-level schools, stipend for CWSN girls, self-defence training to girls of class VI to XII studying under 'Rani Laxmi Bai Atma Raksha Prashikshan.

A total of 85 KGBV Hostels, 14 NSCBAV Hostels, 25 hostels under PM JANMAN and 22 Hostels under DAJGUA have been sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha to the State of Maharashtra.

As per UDISE+, the dropout rate has improved in the State of Maharashtra, details of dropout rate of girls and all students (including from disadvantaged sections) in Maharashtra at preparatory, middle and secondary level in year 2024-25 and 2025-26 is as under:

Year	Preparatory		Middle		Secondary	
	Girls	Total	Girls	Total	Girls	Total
2024-25	0	0	0.6	0.6	7.3	8.3
2025-26	0	0	0	0	5.4	6.2
