

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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Declining enrolment in Government schools

1154 Shri S Niranjana Reddy:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the findings of the UDISE+ 2025-26 report that enrolment in Government schools declined from 12.8 crore in 2023-24 to 11.9 crore in 2025-26, a reduction of nearly 86 lakh students, while enrolment in private unaided schools increased from 9 crore to 9.9 crore during the same period;
- (b) whether Government has undertaken any assessment to ascertain the reasons for the declining enrolment in Government schools;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, state-wise; and
- (d) the measures taken or proposed to improve the quality, learning outcomes and public confidence in Government schools?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): As per Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+), the enrolment in government and private schools from the year 2023-24 to 2025-26 are given below:

Year	Enrolment (pre-primary to Higher Secondary)		
	Total	Government	Private
2023-24	248045828	127490199	90036939
2024-25	246932680	121589911	95856710
2025-26	247219766	118903585	98863908

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 skill education and ICT facilities in schools, providing free text books and free uniform, transport/escort facility, etc.
