

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.-2733
ANSWERED ON 12.08.2026

Decline in enrolment in Government schools

2733 # Shri Upendra Kushwaha:

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

- (a) whether an average of 13 Government schools are being closed every day according to the latest UDISE+ Report, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether the number of students enrolling in Government schools has been continuously declining as compared to the previous years; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to address the above all problems?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and the opening, closing and rationalisation of schools are within the purview of respective State/UT Governments. The total number of government schools and enrolment in these schools, as reported by the State/UTs, on the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) for year 2024-25 and 2025-26 are at annexure.

As per the data available on UDISE+, advancements have been made in improving universal access across upper primary, secondary and higher secondary level of school education. This is evidenced by Gross Access Ratio (GAR) for 2018-19 and 2025-26:

Year	Upper Primary	Secondary	Higher Secondary
2018-19	96.49	88.24	65.05
2025-26	98.14	95.05	94.79

GAR: Gross access ratio (GAR) is total villages/habitations having school within specified norm in a year out of total villages/habitations in that year.

(c): 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.

PM SHRI Scheme has also been launched with an aim to develop more than 14,500 selected schools as exemplar schools that offer leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood, showcasing all the initiatives of NEP 2020.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) AND (B) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2733 ANSWERED ON 12/08/2026 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA REGARDING 'DECLINE IN ENROLMENT IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS'

State/UT-wise number of government schools and enrolment in these government schools for the year 2024-25 and 2025-26

State/UT/India	Government schools		Enrolment in Government schools	
	2024-25	2025-26	2024-25	2025-26
India	1013322	1005245	121589911	118903585
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	335	335	47459	47052
Andhra Pradesh	44886	44222	3643083	3493450
Arunachal Pradesh	2558	2468	170112	165657
Assam	44741	44550	4841809	4707595
Bihar	76320	76435	17159036	16683588
Chandigarh	118	116	148600	142341
Chhattisgarh	48827	48853	3817949	3672291
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	361	353	95700	99009
Delhi	2681	2688	2469393	2388282
Goa	780	771	41217	40898
Gujarat	34638	34734	5368061	5307009
Haryana	14338	14338	2200067	2148924
Himachal Pradesh	14725	14460	802146	777528
Jammu & Kashmir	18785	18787	1393820	1363664
Jharkhand	35788	35819	4870352	4811600
Karnataka	48844	48527	4734360	4539093
Kerala	4808	4809	1717915	1637566
Ladakh	812	733	26542	25944
Lakshadweep	36	34	12325	12692
Madhya Pradesh	92250	91199	8128161	7970143
Maharashtra	64884	64571	5108544	4979407
Manipur	2952	2934	208052	196681
Meghalaya	7789	5620	413681	390993
Mizoram	2617	2613	117866	119573
Nagaland	1936	1902	137373	133204
Odisha	48625	48603	5046239	5123367
Puducherry	419	419	76995	73608
Punjab	19243	19241	2669459	2578193
Rajasthan	70155	69983	7782390	7449532
Sikkim	857	829	67063	65317
Tamil Nadu	37626	37539	4510632	4303390
Telangana	30057	28088	2629488	2652162
Tripura	4187	4144	488370	475775
Uttar Pradesh	137172	137103	14892455	14185169
Uttarakhand	16018	15834	794170	722655
West Bengal	82154	81591	14959027	15420233

Source: UDISE+