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LOK SABHA
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School Children Involved as Domestic Helps

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any data on school going children who are employed as domestic helps;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of children engaged as domestic helps who do not go to school due to said reason;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to allow such children to continue as domestic helps partially or to send them back to school by compensating their families; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (e): The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education has developed the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) system to record data on indicators of school education provided by all the States and Union Territories. In the UDISE+, DoSEL collects data on schools, teachers and students, management-wise and school category wise. UDISE+ only captures data on school going children.

Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Government. To reduce number of Out of School Children system, the Department of School Education and Literacy with effect from 2018-19 has launched an Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education- Samagra Shiksha. However, the scheme has now been aligned with the recommendations of 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.

Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to States and UTs for undertaking various activities to reduce number of Out of School Children (OoSC) including opening/strengthening of new schools upto senior secondary level, construction of school buildings & additional classrooms, setting up, up-gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, setting up of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, free uniforms, free text books, transport allowance and undertaking enrolment & retention drives. Further, special training for age appropriate admission of out of school children and residential as well as non-residential training for older children, seasonal hostels / residential camps, special training centres at worksites, transport/ escort facility are also supported to bring out of school children to the formal schooling system. Further, under the student oriented component for the children with special needs, financial assistance is provided for identification and assessment of children with special needs, aids and appliances, braille kits and books, appropriate teaching learning material and stipend to girl students with disability etc
