

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2015**  
ANSWERED ON 13/03/2023  
**Retention Rate of Students in Schools**

2015. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the general retention rate of students in Government schools, at the primary, elementary, secondary and higher secondary levels, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government maintains information and data on the rate of drop-outs among children belonging to weaker sections and disadvantaged groups admitted under Section 12(1) (c) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009;
- (c) if not, the details thereof;
- (d) the retention rate of children with disabilities, at the primary, elementary, secondary and higher secondary levels, State-wise; and
- (e) the retention rate of children belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, at the primary, elementary, secondary and higher secondary levels, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a): 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. As per UDISE+, the retention rate for 2021-22 of primary, elementary, secondary and higher secondary levels, State-wise is at Annexure-I.

(b) and (c): As per UDISE+ 2021-22, dropout rate for primary and upper primary levels for children belonging to different social groups is given below.

**Dropout Rate for the year 2021-22**

Social Category	Primary (Class I-V)			Upper Primary (Class VI-VIII)		
	Boys	Girls	Overall	Boys	Girls	Overall
General	2.65	2.42	2.54	1.49	1.55	1.51
OBC	1.52	1.4	1.46	3.33	3.8	3.56
SC	3.04	2.6	2.83	6.35	5.7	6.03
ST	0.57	0.43	0.51	2.44	3.57	2.99

(d) and (e): The Retention rate of students is calculated gender-wise for the different levels of school education. Improving retention rate of students in school is a continuous process. Government of India launched Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for school education, w.e.f. 2018-19, as an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.

Further, in order to improve the education standard, the Government has taken several steps:-

1. Central RTE Rules have been amended on 20th February, 2017 to include reference on class-wise, subject-wise Learning Outcomes at Elementary level.
2. National Achievement Survey (NAS) is conducted to enable States/UTs to identify gaps in learning outcomes.
3. A 70 indicator based matrix Performance Grading Index (PGI) has been developed to grade the States/UTs. Also, an 83 indicator based matrix Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D) has been developed to grade the Districts.
4. NISHTHA (National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement), an Integrated Teacher Training Programme has been introduced.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2015 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023 ASKED BY HONB'LE MP SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY REGARDING 'RETENTION RATE OF STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS'

**Retention Rate for the year 2021-22**

State/ UT	Primary	Elementary	Secondary	Higher Secondary
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	94.4	94	90.4	77.2
Andhra Pradesh	100	92.4	81.1	52.2
Arunachal Pradesh	63.5	45	30	16.8
Assam	83.1	63.6	49.5	20
Bihar	100	79.6	63.8	27.9
Chandigarh	100	100	100	100
Chhattisgarh	96.6	85.9	67.9	44.9
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	98.7	98.5	100	46.5
Delhi	100	100	100	81
Goa	96	95.5	89.6	86.8
Gujarat	96.1	93.4	73.1	38
Haryana	100	100	95.1	77.1
Himachal Pradesh	98	97	94.4	77.8
Jammu and Kashmir	83.5	66.3	58.7	48.4
Jharkhand	92.6	72.5	48.4	27.6
Karnataka	96.8	91.1	82.8	47.6
Kerala	100	100	100	100
Ladakh	92.8	74.5	70.2	56.6
Lakshadweep	100	100	100	87.7
Madhya Pradesh	92.5	80.4	52.1	30.1
Maharashtra	97.5	93.7	91.6	69.2
Manipur	74.6	60.8	42.3	35.1
Meghalaya	55.2	51.1	36.8	19.1
Mizoram	66.3	56.8	45.4	28
Nagaland	62.2	57.6	42.3	23.1
Odisha	94.7	84.2	69.2	34.8
Puducherry	93.8	97.7	94.4	79.8
Punjab	100	86.8	81.3	64.5
Rajasthan	90.7	74	64.7	44.3
Sikkim	91.9	90.7	77.9	40.3
Tamil Nadu	98.1	90.2	85	72.8
Telangana	97.8	82.5	75.8	49.6
Tripura	94.9	83.9	65.7	44.2
Uttar Pradesh	90.3	70.5	48.9	42.5
Uttarakhand	89.8	83.3	76.1	61.2
West Bengal	87.2	84	49.6	33.2
<b>India</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>81.2</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>43.6</b>

Source:-Unified District Information System for Education Plus(UDISE+) 2021-22