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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No - 4240**  
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**INTRODUCTION OF SCHEMES TO PROMOTE ENROLMENT  
OF GIRLS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

4240. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced any scheme to promote the enrolment of female students in primary schools; and
- (b) if so, the current enrolment rate of female students, along with the year-wise growth in the last ten years?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education is implementing the centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha, effective from 2018-19, for universalization of quality education throughout the country in coordination with the States and UTs. It is 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. Samagra Shiksha supports States and Union Territories in implementation of the RTE Act, 2009. Bridging gender and social category gaps at all levels of school education is one of the major objectives of the scheme.

Under Samagra Shiksha, various interventions have been targeted for girls, which include opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, free uniform and text-books to girls up to Class VIII, additional teachers and residential quarters for teachers in remote/hilly areas, appointment of additional teachers including women teachers, stipend to CWSN girls from class I to class XII, separate toilets for girls, teachers sensitization programmes to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching-learning materials including text book setc. In addition, there is a provision of nutritious and hot cooked meal for children studying in classes I to VIII of Government and Government-Aided schools and studying in Balvatika (before class I) in primary schools, under the centrally sponsored scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) in order to facilitate students to attend schools more regularly.

The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of female students for the year 2021-22 is 104.82, which shows that all girls in the age bracket are admitted in schools. The GER of Girls at primary level for the last ten years is as under:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>GER of girls at Primary Level</b>
1	2012-13	109.14
2	2013-14	107.93
3	2014-15	107.38
4	2015-16	107.33
5	2016-17	103.73*
6	2017-18	103.03
7	2018-19	101.78
8	2019-20	103.69
9	2020-21	104.45
10	2021-22	104.82

(Source: UDISE/UDISE+)

*\*Further, in the year 2016-17, DoSEL initiated the process to collect child-wise data with Aadhar. Aadhar linkage resulted in weeding out of duplicate entries, resulting in correction in number of enrolments.*

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