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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2410

ANSWERED ON 18th DECEMBER, 2023

SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTED IN ANDHRA PRADESH UNDER CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES

2410. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the current school dropout rate in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the number of schools built under centrally sponsored schemes in Andhra Pradesh since 2019;
- (c) the total number of students enrolled in the schools constructed under the centrally sponsored schemes in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether there is any specific initiative/ programme being implemented by the Government to encourage school enrolment and reduce the dropout rate in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether the State Government has provided any reason for non-allocation of funds and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a): As per UDISE+ 2021-22, the school dropout rate of Primary, Upper Primary and Secondary in the State of Andhra Pradesh for the year 2021-22 is 0.0, 1.6 and 16.3 respectively.
- (b) & (c): The number of Government Schools established and students enrolled under Samagra Shiksha since 2019 are given below:-

	Andhra Pradesh			
Year of Establishment	Schools		Enrolments	
2019		115		13585
2020		49		2358

2021	53	3375
Total	217	19318

*Source: UDISE+ 2021-22

In addition, 41 Kendriya Vidyalayas(KVs) and 15 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas(JNVs) are functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh with total enrolment of 31778 and 5908 respectively.

(d) to (e): The Department of School Education and Literacy is implementing Samagra Shiksha, an Integrated Scheme for School Education w.e.f. 2018-19. Samagra Shiksha envisages school education as a continuum from pre-school to senior secondary level and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for undertaking various activities to reduce number of out of school children including opening/upgradation of new schools upto senior secondary level, construction of school buildings & additional classrooms, setting up and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV), setting up of residential schools/hostels, free uniforms, free text books 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, Special Training Centres at worksites, transport/ escort facility are also provided to bring out of school children to the formal schooling system. Also, mid-day meal is provided under PM Poshan scheme to students up to the elementary level of education.

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 learning teaching material, transport and escort facility and stipend to girl students with disability etc.

Under Samagra Shiksha Scheme, the annual plans are prepared by the States based on their requirements and priority, reflected in their respective Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) Proposals. These annual plans are then appraised and approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in the Department of School Education and Literacy in consultation with the States as per the programmatic and financial norms of the scheme and physical and financial progress of the States/UTs for the interventions approved earlier.

(f): An amount of Rs. 20373.68 lakh has been released to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh under Samagra Shiksha for the year 2023-24 till date and vide letter RC No. SS-19021/21/2023-PLG-SSA dated 14.12.2023, State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has informed that funds have been allocated..
