

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2422
ANSWERED ON 18/12/2023

Increase in Enrolment in Government School

2422. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is 11 per cent increase in rural Government school enrolment as per the recent ASER report;
- (b) whether the Government schools are equipped with sufficient facilities and teachers to incorporate the larger number of students; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a): Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) is conducted by a non-governmental organization. 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 enrolment of Government schools for last two years are given below:

Year	2020-21		2021-22	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
Enrolment in Government schools	11,42,50,179	2,06,54,381	12,04,49,487	2,27,90,993

(b) and (c): As per UDISE+, the PTR in Government schools at Primary, Upper Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary level is 28, 23, 18 and 27 respectively and the enrolment, teachers and infrastructure facilities of Government schools for the years 2021-22 are given below:

Facilities	Number/Percentage of schools
Government schools	10,22,386
Enrolment	14,32,40,480
Teachers	48,82,446
Percentage of schools with Boy's toilets	95.5
Percentage of schools with Girl's toilets	97.4
Percentage of schools with drinking water	98.2
Percentage of schools with electricity	88.9
Percentage of schools with library/reading room/ reading corner	91.3

Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. Further, Central Government helps States and UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, which is an overarching scheme of

school education covering all levels from pre-primary to senior secondary. Financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs for various activities to improve enrolment in Govt. schools and maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for various levels of schooling, which include opening/strengthening of new schools up to senior secondary level, strengthening school infrastructure, setting up, up gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) upto class 12, setting up of residential schools/hostel named Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, transport allowance, undertaking enrolment drives, seasonal hostels/residential camps, provision of vocational education and ICT facilities in schools, etc, financial assistance is also provided for aids and appliances for children with special needs. As per Prabandh Portal, Approved outlay for Samagra Shiksha for all India is Rs. 68377.24 crore for the year 2023-24.
