

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2252
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

Average Enrolment

2252. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), determining the number of students enrolled at different grade levels for grades 6-8 was 90.9 per cent, while for grades 9-10 and 11-12 it came down to 70.3 per cent and 52.5 per cent respectively for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021;

(b) if so, is it also a fact that the last five years average enrollment in 6-11 years age group of general students was 109.4 per cent and stood 11.4 per cent during the age at 18-24 years and for backward classes which reflected as 118.4 per cent for 6-11 years age groups now came down to 8.4 per cent for students aged between 18-24 therein; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government to educate more children of the country upto higher studies?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a): As per Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20 the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for Primary (1 to 5), Upper Primary (6 to 8), Secondary (9-10) and Higher Secondary (11-12) levels are 102.7, 89.7, 77.9 and 51.4 respectively.

(b): The GER for last five years, i.e., for 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 at Primary (1 to 5), Upper Primary (6 to 8), Secondary (9-10) and Higher Secondary (11-12) levels of school education and for Higher Education, for overall, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes is given at Annexure –I.

(c): 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.

The scheme focuses on identifying out of school children and their mainstreaming by providing financial assistance to the States and UTs for various activities to reduce dropouts at secondary level, 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/ hostels 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, financial assistance for aids and appliances for children with special needs, etc.

In order to increase the enrolment in higher educational institution, various measures have been taken by Government which includes issuing of new UGC regulation for Open and Distance Learning that allows entry of reputed institutions to offer education on the distance mode, using of ICT technology –SWAYAM portal to reach out to people and allow them to secure good quality education, encouraging opening of institution by State Governments through the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) which saims to achieve equity, access and excellence in higher education. The scheme supports components such as upgrading autonomous college to universities, clustering colleges to establish a university, setting up of new professional colleges in un-served and undeserved areas as well as providing infrastructure grants to universities and colleges to scale up capacity. Scholarship programmes are offered to supplement the cost of education. Moreover, Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) has been established under the Companies Act, 2013 to leverage funds from market to finance improvement in infrastructure in top institutions of education.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2252 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021 ASKED BY HONB'LE MP SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE REGARDING 'Average Enrolment'.

Gross Enrolment Ratio for last Five Years

Overall					
Year	Primary (1 to 5)	Upper Primary (6 to 8)	Secondary (9 to 10)	Higher Secondary (11 to 12)	Higher Education
2019-20	102.7	89.7	77.9	51.4	27.1
2018-19	101.3	87.7	76.9	50.1	26.3
2017-18	102.8	88.3	76.5	48.1	25.8
2016-17	103.1	88.1	76.4	43.7	25.2
2015-16	106.9	89.4	77.2	48.3	24.5
Scheduled Castes					
Year	Primary (1 to 5)	Upper Primary (6 to 8)	Secondary (9 to 10)	Higher Secondary (11 to 12)	Higher Education
2019-20	113.1	97.1	83.0	52.9	23.4
2018-19	111.5	95.2	82.7	51.3	23.0
2017-18	113.8	96.6	82.2	49.1	21.8
2016-17	116.4	96.8	82.5	44.7	21.1
2015-16	121.6	100.0	83.7	49.7	19.9
Scheduled Tribes					
Year	Primary (1 to 5)	Upper Primary (6 to 8)	Secondary (9 to 10)	Higher Secondary (11 to 12)	Higher Education
2019-20	107.1	93.5	76.7	42.9	18.0
2018-19	106.7	92.9	75.4	42.2	17.2
2017-18	107.8	93.7	73.1	39.4	15.9
2016-17	107.1	91.2	69.6	34.2	15.4
2015-16	111.5	91.6	70.7	37.3	14.2

Source:- Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20

All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2019-20