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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3251
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021

Impact of CORONA on Education

3251. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data of students who dropped out of education due to the negative impact of Covid-19 after 2020; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) and (b): In order to prevent drop outs, lower enrolments and loss of learning, the Ministry of Education has issued guidelines for identification, smooth admission process and continued education of migrant children on 13th July, 2020, inter-alia, requesting the States to identify and enroll all such children without any procedural formalities.

Further, to ensure that children have access to education with quality and equity and to minimize the impact of the pandemic on school education in the country, Ministry of Education has shared guidelines dated 7th January, 2021 with all States which, among others, include identification of Out of School Children (OoSC) from age 6-18 years, enrolment drives and awareness generation, student support while schools are closed, continued Education for Children with Special Needs (CWSN), student support on school reopening and Teacher capacity building.

Also, a comprehensive Covid action plan has been shared with the States and UTs on 4th May 2021, outlining the role of local bodies, formation of nodal group at village/town level, conducting door-to-door/helpdesk-based/app based survey to identify OoSC, their mainstreaming and resource sharing.
