

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 115

TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th NOVEMBER, 2021

Non-Availability of Digital Infrastructure

115. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the data on the number of school-going children deprived of digital infrastructure owing to the COVID-19 pandemic before re-opening of schools, State-wise;
- (b) the data on school dropouts due to the COVID-19 pandemic, State-wise; and
- (c) whether the Government has initiated any study on the long-term impacts of the loss of in-person teaching on the learning outcomes and if so, the details there of ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) School Education is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution. The percentage of children in Kendriya Vidyalaya having access to digital devices is 98% and with Navodaya Vidyalaya is 93%. A comprehensive initiative called **PM eVIDYA** has been initiated as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan on 17th May, 2020, which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education. The initiative includes:

- DIKSHA (one nation, one digital platform) is the nation's digital infrastructure for providing quality e-content for school education in states/UTs and QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades are available on it.
- One earmarked Swayam Prabha TV channel per class from 1 to 12 (one class, one channel).
- Extensive use of Radio, Community radio and CBSE Podcast- Shiksha Vani.
- Special e-content for visually and hearing impaired developed on Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and in sign language on NIOS website/YouTube.

All these schemes/programmes are available to all the students across the nation.

(b) The State/UT wise data regarding annual average dropout is available at serial No. 17 (Id 4017) with sub-heading **enrollment** of the UDISE++ link mentioned below:

<https://dashboard.udiseplus.gov.in/#/reportDashboard/sReport>

(c) The Government of India has been implementing a rolling programme of sample based National Achievement Survey (NAS) aimed at classes III, V, VIII and X under Samagra Shiksha since 2001 with a cycle period of three years.

NAS 2021 has been held on 12.11.2021 and has covered (a) Government Schools (Central Government and State Government); (b) Government Aided Schools; and (c) Private Unaided Schools.

The objective of NAS 2021 is to evaluate children's progress and learning competencies as an indicator of the health of the education system. National, State/UT and District Report cards are released to enable analysis of results and remedial action at the appropriate levels.

Also, Covid initiative report has been placed at the website of Education Ministry at the given link:

https://dse1.education.gov.in/sites/default/files/update/covid_initiatives.pdf
