

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1795
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2022

SCHOOL DROPOUTS OF GIRLS

1795. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme to minimise school dropouts post puberty; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme aims to address declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and related issues of empowerment of girls and women over a life cycle continuum. The objectives of the scheme are to prevent gender biased sex selective elimination, to ensure survival and protection of the girl child and to ensure education and participation of the girl child. The key elements of the scheme include nation-wide media and advocacy campaign and multi-sectoral intervention in selected 405 districts. Campaigns/awareness activities are organized at district level for re-enrollment of drop out girls at secondary level. Further, to incentivize girl child education, BBBP scheme has provision for felicitation/reward/recognition for meritorious girls students at district level under multi-sectoral intervention.

Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education is implementing the scheme of Samagra Shiksha, effective from 2018-19, for universalization of quality education throughout the country in coordination with the States and UTs. It is 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.

Under Samagra Shiksha, there is a provision of State Specific Projects for Equity. State Specific Projects for varied interventions under equity are emphasized for enhancing access, retention and quality to girls by promoting enrolment drives, retention and motivation camps, gender sensitization modules etc. Financial Support is also provided under State Specific projects as per the allocation of flexi fund under quality to the state subject to viable proposal received from the respective State and UTs. Such projects include Life Skills, Awareness programmes, Incinerators, Sanitary Pad Vending Machines etc. Further, under the revamped Samagra Shiksha, the provision of Incinerator and Sanitary Pad Vending Machines in all girls' hostels has been approved.
