

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1249
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022

School Dropouts

1249. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:
SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:
SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM:
SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted to find out the percentage of students school dropouts after COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the ratio of boys and girls dropouts;
- (b) the data regarding school drop-outs during the pandemic, State, Caste, Religion and Gender-wise;
- (c) the number of Government schools that provided remote instruction during the pandemic, district-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has outlined any remedial plans for students who have returned to schools after lockdown; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (e): As per the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE+, 2020-21), the State-wise Annual average dropout rate is at Annexure-I and the state-wise Annual average dropout rate for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled tribes is at Annexure-II.

Education is in the Concurrent subject under the Constitution of India and majority of schools come under the purview of State/ UT Government.

During the pandemic, the Ministry of Education has taken various steps for providing continued access to education, which are available to each category of students irrespective of their region or economic standard.

A comprehensive initiative called PM e-Vidya has been started which aims to unify all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education. The initiative includes all forms of digital modes to provide wide access- DIKSHA (online), SWAYAM (online), SWAYAM PRABHA (TV), other TV Channels including use of Doordarshan and AIR Networks.

Further, an Alternate Academic Calendar has been prepared for learning solutions for grade 1 to 12 for both children with and without device. Also, PRAGYATA guidelines were issued to States/UTs to facilitate continued education through various modes. The guidelines inter-alia include situation where internet connectivity is not available or available with very less bandwidth, resources are shared through various platforms like television, radio etc. that do not depend on internet.

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 out of school children, their mainstreaming and resource sharing.

NCERT has also developed bridge course modules for out-of-school children including various activities which are helpful for bridging the learning gaps and the States/UTs have also been suggested to prepare and implement School Readiness Module/Bridge Course in classrooms for initial one or two months for each grade.

In addition, a comprehensive Learning Recovery Plan (LRP) has been shared with States/UTs to provide a multipronged & holistic approach to ensure that children receive suitable support. Under this, financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for various interventions including Learning Enhancement Programme (LEP), Teacher Resource Package (TRP), ICT facility to Block Resource Centers (BRCs), Strengthening of Clusters Resource Centers (CRCs), etc.

Also, Vidya Pravesh has been launched for students entering grade I. This is a play based 3 months school preparation module which make students grade I ready.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1249 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2022 ASKED BY HON'BLE MPs SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN, SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ, SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM, SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR, SHRI BENNY BEHANAN AND DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED REGARDING SCHOOL DROPOUTS

State/UT	Annual Average Dropout Rate Overall					
	Elementary level (I - VIII)			Secondary (IX-X)		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	1.4	1.8	1.6	7.3	6.8	7.0
ANDHRA PRADESH	-	-	-	17.3	16.1	16.7
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	9.0	6.5	7.8	8.7	11.3	10.1
ASSAM	4.9	2.8	3.8	29.0	31.4	30.3
BIHAR	-	-	-	16.3	19.0	17.6
CHANDIGARH	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHHATTISGARH	2.3	1.6	1.9	15.5	11.3	13.4
D & N HAVELI & DAMAN & DIU	3.6	2.7	3.2	20.5	14.6	17.7
DELHI	-	-	-	7.0	5.1	6.1
GOA	1.2	1.2	1.2	6.3	5.0	5.7
GUJARAT	1.9	2.7	2.3	25.1	20.9	23.3
HARYANA	2.0	2.0	2.0	12.2	8.9	10.8
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1.7	1.7	1.7	8.1	7.1	7.6
JAMMU & KASHMIR	3.9	4.2	4.0	2.9	4.6	3.7
JHARKHAND	4.4	3.8	4.1	12.6	13.3	13.0
KARNATAKA	1.6	1.3	1.4	18.2	14.8	16.6
KERALA	-	-	-	9.1	4.9	7.1
LADAKH	3.6	3.2	3.4	5.8	1.1	3.4
LAKSHADWEEP	-	-	-	-	-	-
MADHYA PRADESH	3.1	3.2	3.2	25.1	22.1	23.8
MAHARASHTRA	1.2	1.2	1.2	11.3	11.1	11.2
MANIPUR	7.5	6.7	7.1	9.3	9.4	9.4
MEGHALAYA	9.2	6.7	7.9	28.5	26.8	27.6
MIZORAM	8.0	6.2	7.1	22.2	17.8	20.0
NAGALAND	6.1	4.5	5.3	24.7	22.5	23.6
ODISHA	-	-	-	16.7	15.4	16.0
PUDUCHERRY	-	-	-	8.4	5.3	6.9
PUNJAB	-	-	-	7.3	11.1	9.0
RAJASTHAN	1.4	1.7	1.5	9.0	8.7	8.9
SIKKIM	0.6	-	-	25.2	18.4	21.6
TAMIL NADU	0.6	0.5	0.6	8.6	4.1	6.4
TELANGANA	-	-	-	14.3	13.4	13.9
TRIPURA	5.1	4.2	4.7	28.0	25.4	26.7
UTTAR PRADESH	2.4	3.5	2.9	11.9	13.2	12.5
UTTARAKHAND	1.9	1.8	1.9	9.6	6.9	8.3
WEST BENGAL	-	-	-	13.2	13.3	13.3
Total	1.2	1.4	1.3	14.3	13.7	14.0

Source : UDISE+ 2020-21 * in 2020-21 Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu merged (-) Negative Dropout Not Available

ANNEXURE-II

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Annual Average Dropout Rate

State/UT	Scheduled Castes						Scheduled Tribes					
	Elementary level			Secondary			Elementary level			Secondary		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
A & N ISLANDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	1.2	1.3	13.6	8.6	11.1
ANDHRA PRADESH	-	-	-	17.1	14.8	16.0	1.5	1.0	1.3	12.7	15.5	14.1
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	26.7	26.3	26.5	59.4	68.5	64.1	6.1	4.1	5.1	3.0	6.5	4.8
ASSAM	2.5	1.1	1.8	31.6	34.0	32.9	3.3	2.1	2.7	26.4	26.7	26.6
BIHAR	2.0	2.0	2.0	19.1	20.3	19.7	0.7	-	0.3	14.1	17.5	15.9
CHANDIGARH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHHATTISGARH	2.4	1.5	1.9	17.5	14.0	15.7	3.3	2.5	2.9	18.0	12.1	14.9
D & N HAVELI & DAMAN & DIU	-	2.1	0.8	15.6	5.8	11.2	0.6	0.5	0.6	25.6	19.3	22.5
DELHI	-	-	-	4.6	0.3	2.4	-	1.7	0.7	-	-	-
GOA	4.7	-	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GUJARAT	-	-	-	25.0	19.0	22.4	1.7	1.6	1.7	28.2	23.2	25.9
HARYANA	1.8	1.1	1.5	17.2	12.2	14.9						
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1.8	1.8	1.8	11.2	10.1	10.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	8.8	3.8	6.4
JAMMU & KASHMIR	2.7	2.9	2.8	8.6	8.0	8.3	5.6	6.3	5.9	7.9	17.3	12.0
JHARKHAND	6.3	5.2	5.8	15.9	17.5	16.7	8.5	7.1	7.8	21.2	17.3	19.2
KARNATAKA	1.3	1.0	1.1	19.2	16.6	18.0	1.2	0.9	1.1	19.9	18.8	19.4
KERALA	-	-	-	3.3	-	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.0	15.8	11.0	13.5
LADAKH	42.3	-	14.0	-	-	-	2.7	2.4	2.6	5.1	-	2.2
LAKSHADWEEP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MADHYA PRADESH	1.1	0.9	1.0	28.7	26.1	27.5	4.6	4.2	4.4	35.4	29.2	32.5
MAHARASHTRA	1.1	1.2	1.2	13.1	12.9	13.0	2.0	2.3	2.1	21.4	21.3	21.4
MANIPUR	14.5	13.1	13.8	10.4	4.6	7.5	9.9	8.4	9.2	11.9	11.5	11.7
MEGHALAYA	-	3.4	1.5	35.6	45.8	40.8	9.3	6.6	7.9	29.1	27.0	27.9
MIZORAM	-	-	-	46.7	52.9	49.9	8.2	6.5	7.4	22.0	17.4	19.7
NAGALAND	22.5	21.6	22.1	46.7	43.2	44.9	4.9	3.5	4.2	23.0	21.0	22.0
ORISSA	-	-	-	19.1	18.8	18.9	2.6	2.2	2.4	20.9	19.0	20.0
PONDICHERRY	-	-	-	11.0	8.0	9.5	12.5	-	-	-	21.6	2.0
PUNJAB	0.2	0.6	0.4	7.5	6.3	6.9	-	-	-	7.5	12.7	9.4
RAJASTHAN	1.8	1.6	1.7	10.6	9.9	10.3	3.0	2.7	2.9	12.6	10.8	11.8
SIKKIM	0.6	-	-	28.0	17.5	22.7	0.1	-	-	26.3	20.3	23.1
TAMIL NADU	0.7	0.5	0.6	10.6	5.2	7.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	21.8	18.3	20.1
TELANGANA	-	-	-	12.7	10.6	11.6	-	-	-	13.4	11.8	12.6
TRIPURA	4.3	3.6	3.9	27.8	26.1	27.0	6.4	5.4	5.9	36.3	29.5	33.0
UTTAR PRADESH	3.9	4.6	4.2	14.9	15.0	15.0	2.6	2.7	2.6	28.3	30.2	29.2
UTTARANCHAL	3.2	2.7	3.0	14.6	11.1	12.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	17.4	6.9	12.4
WEST BENGAL	-	-	-	18.5	17.1	17.8	2.9	2.5	2.7	19.7	20.8	20.3
Total	1.7	1.7	1.7	16.0	14.6	15.3	3.6	3.1	3.4	22.1	19.6	20.9

Source UDISE+ 2020-21(-) Negative Dropout Not Available in 2020-21 Dadra & Nagar Haveli(D & N Haveli) and Daman & Diu merged A & N Island- Andaman & Nicobar Island