

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1144
ANSWERED ON -29.07.2024

SCHOOL DROPOUTS IN ASSAM

1144 Shri Pradyut Bordoloi:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the dropout rates in primary, secondary and senior secondary level students in the State of Assam compared to the national average;
- (b) the status of infrastructure development under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in Assam, including targetted and completed projects for sanitation facilities, clean drinking water and functional libraries, segmented in urban and rural regions;
- (c) the number of schools providing online teaching facilities in urban and rural areas of Assam along with the provisions made for such teaching;
- (d) the percentage of students living within a radius of 3 km from a school in rural and urban areas of Assam along with correlation with absenteeism and dropout rates; and
- (e) whether the Government has conducted educational awareness programmes in Assam to prevent high dropout rates, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EUDCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

- (a) As per UDISE+ 2021-22, dropout rate of students at Primary, Upper-Primary and Secondary level in Assam as compared to national average is as given below:

Annual Average Dropout Rate			
State/UT	Dropout rate at Primary Level	Dropout rate at Upper Primary Level	Dropout rate at Secondary level
Assam	6.02	8.82	20.25
National Average	1.45	3.02	12.61

(b) As informed by the State Government of Assam, the status of infrastructure development under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, including projects for sanitation facilities, clean drinking water and functional libraries in rural and urban areas is attached at Annexure.

(c) As informed by the State Government of Assam, online teaching facilities consisting of Tele-Education facilities and Smart Classrooms are available in 6737 Upper Primary and Secondary Schools in the State. Out of these, 663 Schools are in urban areas and 6074 Schools are in rural areas.

(d) No such data is maintained by the State Government.

(e) As informed by the State Government of Assam, various activities have been conducted at the State level to prevent high dropout rates which include awareness programmes for School Management Committee members, Mothers' groups and parents of students, rallies and street plays at village level to ensure regular attendance of Out of School Children (OoSC), door to door surveys for identification of OoSC and Adolescent awareness programmes.

Under Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for undertaking various activities to reduce number of OoSC including opening/upgradation of new schools upto senior secondary level, construction of school buildings & additional classrooms, setting up and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV), setting up of residential schools/hostels, free uniforms, free text books and undertaking enrolment & retention drives. Further, special training for age appropriate admission of out of school children and residential as well as non-residential training for older children, seasonal hostels / residential camps, Special Training Centres at worksites, transport/escort facility are also supported to bring out of school children to the formal schooling system. Under PM-Poshan scheme, hot meal is served to students upto 8th standard in all States/UTs.

Further, under the student oriented component for the children with special needs, financial assistance is provided for identification and assessment of children with special needs, aids and appliances, braille kits and books, appropriate teaching learning material, transport and escort facility and stipend to girl students with special needs, etc.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1144 to be answered on 29.07.2024 asked by Shri Pradyut Bordoloi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding School Dropouts in Assam

Status of Infrastructural facilities at Elementary level in Assam							
S. No.	Component	Approved			Completed		
		Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total
1	Additional Classrooms	3367	226	3593	2424	138	2562
2	Boundary Wall	890	392	1282	757	332	1089
3	Boys Toilets	4709	183	4892	4134	152	4286
4	Dilapidated ACR (Lower Primary)	585	0	585	460	0	460
5	Dilapidated ACR (Upper Primary)	130	0	130	109	0	109
6	Drinking Water	2103	135	2238	2103	135	2238
7	Electrification	76	0	76	48	0	48
8	Girls' Toilets	2250	102	2352	1802	91	1893
9	Major Repair	2004	135	2139	1994	135	2129
10	New School Upper Primary	4	0	4	4	0	4
11	Residential Schools	10	0	10	0	0	0
	Total	16128	1173	17301	13835	983	14818
Status of Infrastructural facilities at Secondary and Senior Secondary level in Assam							
S. No.	Component	Approved			Completed		
		Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total
1	New Schools	23	0	23	0	0	0
2	Additional Classrooms	1285	171	1456	112	38	150
3	Science Lab	307	0	307	30	0	30
4	Computer Room	7	0	7	1	0	1

5	Library Room	83	0	83	48	0	48
6	Art/Craft Room	98	0	98	35	0	35
7	Girls' Toilets	582	0	582	314	0	314
8	Boys' Toilets	706	0	706	533	0	533
9	CwSN Toilet	178	0	178	175	0	175
10	Drinking water	114	0	114	113	0	113
11	Major Repair	598	0	598	197	0	197
12	Ramps	1806	0	1806	1750	0	1750
13	New Senior Secondary Schools	33	0	33	5	0	5
14	Biology Lab	26	0	26	0	0	0
15	Chemistry Lab	26	0	26	0	0	0
16	Physics Lab	26	0	26	0	0	0
17	Dysfunctional Girls' Toilets	102	0	102	102	0	102
18	Teachers' residential quarters	142	0	142	34	0	34
19	Solar Panel in Schools	95	0	95	95	0	95
20	Solar Panel in KGBV	60	0	60	60	0	60
21	Internal Electrification	2	0	2	2	0	2
22	Boundary Wall	91	0	91	89	0	89
	Total	6390	171	6561	3695	38	3733