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Education Quality and Student Welfare in Government Schools in Nandyal

82. DR. BYREDDY SHABARI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted an audit on the student-teacher ratio in Government schools in Nandyal district in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details of the comparison of national standards and the action taken by the Government to address the deficits;

(b) whether there are instances of misuse of funds in Mid-Day-Meal scheme reported in Nandyal district during the last three years and if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve accountability and food quality; and

(c) the specific steps taken by the Government to prevent school dropouts in Nandyal district especially among girl students, and the measurable outcomes achieved by the Government till date?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) norms for primary and upper primary level are 30:1 and 35:1 respectively. The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education has developed the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) system to record data on indicators of school education from all the States and Union Territories. As per UDISE+ 2021-22, Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) of Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh and India is as follows:

Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR)

Location	Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary	Higher Secondary
Kurnool	34	21	11	23
Andhra Pradesh	24	16	10	25
India	28	23	18	27

(Note- Nandyal district was formed in 2022 from the Kurnool district in the state of Andhra Pradesh)

Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution as such the recruitment, service conditions and deployment of teachers come under the purview of the respective State and Union Territory (UT) Government. The recruitment of teachers in schools is a continuous process and the vacancies keep arising on account of enhanced students' strength/new schools. Further, under Samagra Shiksha, Central Government provides assistance to the State Governments and UTs for additional teachers to maintain appropriate Pupil Teacher Ratio as per the prescribed norms for various levels of schooling. The Central Government has been consistently pursuing the matter of expeditious recruitment and redeployment of teachers with the States and UTs. Advisories to maintain appropriate Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) have also been issued to States and UTs from time to time.

(b): The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported that there are no issues of misappropriation of fund in PM POSHAN scheme in Nandyal district during the last three years.

(c): The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched an Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education- Samagra Shiksha with effect from 2018-19. The Scheme has now been aligned with the recommendations of NEP 2020 to ensure that all children have access to quality education with an equitable and inclusive classroom environment which should take care of their diverse background, multilingual needs, different academic abilities and make them active participants in the learning process. Further, the State Government has also taken various steps namely Special Enrollment Drive, Improved Access to Education, Residential School Facilities, Re-enrollment of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Failed Students, Provision of Free Educational Resources and Enrollment in Alternative Educational

Facilities (Enrollment in AP Open School and Skill Hubs and Vocational Training) to reduce dropout. As per UDISE+ 2021-22, School Dropouts of Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh and India is as follows:

Location	Primary Dropout Rate			Upper Primary Dropout Rate			Secondary Dropout Rate		
	Girls	Boys	Over all	Girls	Boys	Overall	Girls	Boys	Overall
KURNOOL	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	4.1	4.4	19.7	20.5	20.1
Andhra Pradesh	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.7	1.6	15.0	17.5	16.3
All India	1.4	1.6	1.5	3.3	2.7	3.0	12.3	13.0	12.6

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