

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
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Decline in Enrollment in Schools in Rural Area

1684. Shri Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that as per Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) there is 67 per cent decline in the enrollment of students in Government schools in rural parts of the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to enroll more students in the Government schools;
- (c) whether it is true that many private schools are providing better education than in Government Schools; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide better education in Government Schools?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) surveys are conducted by a non-governmental organization. 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 provided by all the States and Union Territories. As per UDISE+, rural enrolment in government and private schools for the year 2023-24 is 10,58,20,227 and 4,27,51,741 respectively.

The government of India has conducted National Achievement Survey (NAS) in 2021, with an objective to evaluate students learning outcomes and competencies. The class wise, subject wise and management wise details of performance of students at National, State/UT and District level are available at <https://nas.gov.in/report-card/2021>.

Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. Central Government assist States and UTs through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha. Financial assistance is also provided to the States and UTs for various activities to reduce dropout and increase enrolment in Government schools, which include opening/strengthening of new schools up to senior secondary level, strengthening school infrastructure, setting up, up gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) upto class 12, setting up of residential schools/hostel named Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, transport allowance, undertaking enrolment drives, seasonal hostels/residential camps, provision of vocational education and ICT facilities in schools, providing free text books and free uniform, transport/escort facility, etc, financial assistance is also provided for aids and appliances for children with special needs.
