

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1719
ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025

Increase in Drop-out Student from Schools

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the report of UDISE, lakhs of school students have dropped out of schools during the year 2023-24;
- (b) if so, the details of the increase in the number of drop-out students during the year 2023-24 as compared to the year 2022-23;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study on the reasons for students dropping out of school despite the provisions of free education and RTE is placed in the school and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the efforts made by the Government to increase enrolment in schools and reduce the drop-out rates during the last five years; and
- (e) the details of the amount spent by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): 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. Based on the recommendations of National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), w.e.f 2022-23 UDISE+ has been revitalized, to capture individual student wise data and created student's registry with unique number for tracking and monitoring student's dropout and monitoring learning outcomes by the States/UTs. As per UDISE+, number of students recorded for the year 2022-23 and 2023-24 is 25,17,91,722 and 24,80,45,828 respectively.

(d) and (e): 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/hostels 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.

Further, under Samagra Shiksha expenditure including state share as per PFMS till now for the year 2024-25 is Rs. 4070051.73 lakhs.
