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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1783**  
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**ENROLMENT OF ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS**

1783. Shri Parshottambhai Rupala:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced any program for Rural Education and launched any drive to enroll all eligible children as students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its current status;
- (c) the action plan of the Government to reach in all remote areas;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure re-enrolled dropouts or to become skilled workforce by up-skilled; and
- (e) the details in this regard in the State of Gujarat?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): The Department of School Education and Literacy is implementing an integrated centrally sponsored scheme for School education- Samagra Shiksha which treats school education holistically, without segmentation from pre-primary to class XII and is in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal for Education (SDG-4). The Scheme is aligned with the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and aims 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.

Under Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to States and UTs for providing various facilities to the children for implementing the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. As per norms of the Samagra Shiksha, the annual plans are prepared by the States and UTs as per their requirements/ priority and the same is reflected in their respective Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) Proposals. These plans are then appraised and approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in the Department of School Education & Literacy in consultation with the States and UTs as per the programmatic and financial norms of the scheme and physical and financial progress of the State for the interventions approved earlier.

Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to States and UTs for undertaking various activities for reducing dropout rate, including opening/strengthening of new schools upto senior secondary level, construction of school buildings and additional classrooms, development/strengthening of school infrastructure in northern border areas under Vibrant Village Programme, setting up, up-gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, construction of hostels for PVTGs under PM-JANMAN, setting up of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, construction of hostels under Dharti Abha Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan for unsaturated ST population, free uniforms and free text books as per eligibility, transport allowance and undertaking enrolment and 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 the Out of School Children (OoSC) to the formal schooling system. Also, financial assistance upto ₹ 2000 per annum is being provided for Out of School Children of age group of 16-19 years, belonging to socio economically disadvantaged groups, for completing their education through NIOS/SIOS, for accessing course materials and certification.

The Department of School Education and Literacy has developed an online module for compiling the data of Out of School Children (OoSC) identified by each State/UT and their mapping with Special Training Centres (STC) on the PRABANDH Portal. The concerned State/UT validates the child wise information of the identified OoSC and STC uploaded by the concerned Block Resource Centre of the State for monitoring the progress of mainstreaming of OoSC.

**Vocational Education:** Under the Skill Education component of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Samagra Shiksha', financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for giving exposure to Skill Education to students of Grades VI to VIII and introduction of Skill courses from Grades IX to XII, which are aligned with National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF). At the Secondary level i.e., Class IX and X, skill modules are offered to the students as an additional subject. At Sr. Secondary level, i.e., Class XI and XII, skill courses are offered as a compulsory (elective) subject. The exposure of vocational education at upper primary level is imparted to school students by implementing 10 bagless days and internships. So far, 138 Job Roles (JRs) / Skill subjects have been approved to be offered to class 9 to class 12 school students.

As per information furnished on the PRABANDH Portal, 7,04,561 Out of School Children have been provided Special Training at elementary level till February 2025 in FY 2024-25, including 29,180 Out of School Children from Gujarat.

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