

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 200**  
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025

**Initiatives to increase Girls Students in Schools**

**200.** Shri C N Annadurai:  
Shri Selvam G:  
Shri Navaskani K:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the current enrollment and retention rates of girls in schools under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the specific initiatives taken by the Government under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan to increase the enrollment of girls, particularly at secondary and senior secondary levels;
- (c) whether there are any scholarships, incentives or financial assistance available for girls under the Scheme, if so, the number of girls benefited during the last five years, year-wise;
- (d) whether awareness campaigns by engaging communities are conducted under the scheme to promote girls' education; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure gender-sensitive infrastructure in schools, such as separate toilets, hygiene facilities and safe spaces to encourage girls' attendance in schools?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): State/UT-wise details of the current enrollment and retention rates of girls in schools under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, are at Annexure.
- (b) & (c): Under Samagra Shiksha, various interventions have been targeted for girls, which include opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, free uniform and text-books to girls up to Class VIII, Self-Defence Training to Girls of class VI to XII of Govt. Schools, additional teachers and residential quarters for teachers in remote/hilly areas, appointment of additional teachers including women teachers, stipend @Rs. 200 per month for 10 months in a year to CWSN girls from class I to class XII, separate toilets for girls, teachers' sensitization programs to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching-learning materials including text books etc.

Further, special state specific projects for varied interventions under equity are also emphasized for enhancing access, retention and quality for girls by promoting enrolment drives, retention and motivation camps, gender sensitization modules etc. Such projects include life skills, awareness programmes, incinerators, sanitary pad vending machines etc.

To reduce gender gaps at all levels of school education, there is a provision of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) under Samagra Shiksha. KGBVs are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and Below Poverty Line (BPL).

Year-wise details of CwSN girls who received stipend during last five years are as under:

<i>(in lakh)</i>				
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
4.65	6.12	5.8	5.57	5.50
<i>(Source: Prabandh)</i>				

(d): National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 emphasizes the participation of community and parents in helping the child to learn appropriately and in achievement of learning outcomes. Under Samagra Shiksha, there is a provision of Community Mobilization under Quality and Innovation interventions. With the help of Community, every year enrollment drives are conducted at the beginning of the academic session for identifying and bringing out-of-school or dropout girls back into the formal educational system. Parents are informed about various provisions of Samagra Shiksha which helps to reduce financial barriers in education through awareness programs.

(e): Under Samagra Shiksha, there is a provision of Separate toilets for girls in schools. As per UDISE+ 2023-24, 97.2% Govt. Schools have Separate toilets for girls in schools.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 200 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI C N ANNADURAI, SHRI SELVAM G AND SHRI NAVASKANI K REGARDING INITIATIVES TO INCREASE GIRLS STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS**

SN	State/UTs Name	Girls Enrolment (All Mgt.) Schools (2023-24)				Girls Retention Rate (All Mgt.) - 2023-24			
		Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary	Higher Secondary	Primary	Elementary	Secondary	Higher Secondary
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	11663	8215	5677	5346	91.7	95.4	87.9	81.8
2	Andhra Pradesh	1651428	1076729	693690	514005	100.4	96.5	90.2	58.8
3	Arunachal Pradesh	70558	39964	22221	15005	56	43.9	34.3	20.9
4	Assam	1619769	902802	538873	258875	78.7	60.4	51.5	25.6
5	Bihar	5400064	2782793	1284075	835621	105.8	77.5	59.6	30.2
6	Chandigarh	40533	29500	19079	19545	118.4	133.8	112.2	121.5
7	Chhattisgarh	1214574	722754	422726	309982	93.5	83.2	68	51.3
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	28541	16586	10514	6141	94.4	95	84.1	76.1
9	Delhi	803758	545262	339792	298496	114.1	116.8	85.3	86.4
10	Goa	56332	34821	22274	19846	94.8	92.1	85.2	80.8
11	Gujarat	2190612	1477051	773819	505413	96.5	90.9	69.5	45.8
12	Haryana	1028748	673062	400736	313205	97.6	99.4	86.4	68.6
13	Himachal Pradesh	249843	158595	106542	91437	94.9	94.8	91	82.1
14	Jammu and Kashmir	508287	270040	162820	115202	78.5	74.9	57.1	34.7
15	Jharkhand	1613557	926616	488543	332601	83.8	73.8	51.7	33.7
16	Karnataka	2512173	1522077	1006353	645211	98.4	92.3	89.7	61.9
17	Kerala	1111939	729748	486212	446525	95.5	96.7	98.8	93.1
18	Ladakh	10826	5923	4230	2270	81.1	72	91.1	47.6
19	Lakshadweep	2505	1456	833	800	102.4	93	102.9	108.2
20	Madhya Pradesh	3184678	1910385	1018385	679549	84.9	78.5	52.8	32.4
21	Maharashtra	4385773	2601694	1686283	1323149	93	90.7	84.8	68.5
22	Manipur	141429	69288	42451	31638	61.7	52.5	45.7	32.1
23	Meghalaya	244695	115426	61485	31576	58.1	41.3	37.1	23.9
24	Mizoram	62783	32354	20576	12807	59.6	53.4	45.9	27.6
25	Nagaland	78368	44101	27490	20336	66.7	57.5	42.8	31.2
26	Odisha	1641941	1034948	610105	459009	101.4	87.6	77.2	51.1
27	Puducherry	40993	27811	19059	18083	94	91.4	93.7	86.7
28	Punjab	1029260	605113	383620	341730	91.9	85.8	78.1	69.6
29	Rajasthan	3470764	1958854	1136453	878417	83.8	74.6	60.7	50.1
30	Sikkim	19903	12715	9105	8554	90.1	82.3	81.1	70.5
31	Tamil Nadu	2307357	1541278	1007359	929274	100.7	97.6	88.5	75.1
32	Telangana	1430819	888823	544703	433144	102.8	84.9	80.5	64.2
33	Tripura	145261	86412	51070	41577	93.5	81.8	68.6	53.5
34	Uttar Pradesh	9256660	5085591	2654951	2207647	79.4	69.3	54.7	35.7
35	Uttarakhand	462517	269639	169872	152542	87.3	81.4	74.2	62.7
36	West Bengal	3588460	2184761	1541471	1159521	86.6	83.4	87.5	51.4
	<b>INDIA</b>	<b>51617371</b>	<b>30393187</b>	<b>17773447</b>	<b>13464079</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>47.5</b>

(Source: UDISE+ 2023-24)