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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2647**  
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**DROP-OUT RATE AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN IN UP**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the high drop-out rate among school students in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the steps taken by the Government to address the issue;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to understand the reasons behind the high drop-out rate in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken by the Government on the basis of its findings; and
- (c) the details of the drop-out rates categorized on the basis of gender, rural-urban divide, educational level in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): The Department of School Education and Literacy is implementing an integrated centrally sponsored scheme for School education- Samagra Shiksha. The scheme 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 provides support for the implementation of the RTE Act.

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. Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Government.

One of the focus areas of the Samagra Shiksha is to reduce the dropout rate and the number of Out of School Children (OoSC). The scheme includes the provision of opening and strengthening of new schools up to senior secondary level; construction of school buildings and additional classrooms; construction of toilets; sanitation facilities and drinking water for students, setting up, up-gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas; setting up of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas; free uniforms, free text books, transport allowance and undertaking enrolment & retention drives.

In addition, support is provided through special training for age-appropriate admission of Out of School Children and for the training of residential as well as non-residential older children. The provision of seasonal hostels or residential camps, special training centres at worksites, transport/ escort facility are also available for bringing Out of School Children to the formal schooling structure.

Further, under the student-oriented component for the children with special needs of the scheme, financial assistance is provided for identification and assessment of children with special needs, aids and appliances, braille kits and books, appropriate teaching learning material and stipend to girl students with disability etc.

For out of school children at 16 to 19 years of age, support is provided to SC, ST, disabled children, upto Rs 2000 per child per grade to complete their secondary/senior secondary levels through NIOS/SIOS.

A key feature of Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) is tracking of drop out students, monitoring of students migrating from one school to the other, progress of learning outcomes and real-time monitoring of various interventions, aimed at improving access, students' academic performance and enhancing teachers' accountability in schools. The overall architecture of VSK inter-alia helps to monitor Attendance of students, Assessment of students, Accreditation of schools, Adaptive Learning for students, Administration of schools under different management types. VSK helps in data analysis of scheme for better implementation and outcomes.

This Department has also 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. Also, Bridge Course Modules have been developed by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) for bridging the learning gaps of Out of School Children studying in Special Training Centers (STC) under the provision of RTE Act, 2009.

Under the PM POSHAN Scheme, one hot cooked meal is served to students studying in Bal Vatika and Classes I-VIII in Government and Government aided Schools on all school working days.

Similarly, under National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme, scholarship is awarded to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at class VIII and encourage them to continue the study at secondary stage.

Further, Section 10 of the RTE Act states that it shall be the duty of every parent or guardian to admit or cause to be admitted his or her child or ward, as the case may be, for elementary education in the neighbourhood school.

As informed by the State of Uttar Pradesh, to reduce dropout rate, the State Government has implemented a comprehensive approach focused on enrollment, awareness, and community participation. "School Chalo Abhiyan" is organized to ensure 100% enrollment of children across the state. To further improve student retention, Parent-Teacher Meetings are regularly organized to address dropout concerns and enhance attendance. Additionally, Block-level Orientation Programs are conducted to sensitize local authorities and SMCs, fostering greater awareness and responsibility in ensuring children's enrollment and continued education. These initiatives collectively aim to strengthen the education system and reduce dropout rates effectively.

(c): As per UDISE+ 2023-24, District-wise dropout rate for Uttar Pradesh in rural and urban areas, gender-wise and by level of education is at Annexure.

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**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2647 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI DEVESH SHAKYA REGARDING "DROP-OUT RATE AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN IN UP"**

District-wise dropout rate for Uttar Pradesh in rural and urban areas, gender-wise and by level of education, as per UDISE+ 2023-24, is as under:

District	Rural/ Urban	Primary			Upper Primary			Secondary		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Agra	Rural	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	3.1	1.9	2.6
Agra	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	1.7	3.6
Aligarh	Rural	2.1	2.4	2.2	6.2	7.1	6.6	15.5	10.5	13.5
Aligarh	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	4.5	6.4
Ambedkar Nagar	Rural	6.0	4.6	5.3	7.7	6.4	7.1	12.5	7.9	10.2
Ambedkar Nagar	Urban	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.0	2.1	0.0
Amethi - Csm Nagar	Rural	5.5	4.9	5.2	7.9	8.1	8.0	13.2	8.9	11.1
Amethi - Csm Nagar	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Auraiya	Rural	5.5	4.6	5.0	6.0	7.3	6.6	10.2	9.7	10.0
Auraiya	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.6	1.3
Azamgarh	Rural	9.6	9.1	9.4	12.2	13.1	12.7	15.1	13.1	14.2
Azamgarh	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Baghpat	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	4.9	6.1
Baghpat	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	3.9	4.1
Bahraich	Rural	8.0	7.3	7.7	20.1	20.4	20.3	18.3	16.1	17.3
Bahraich	Urban	2.1	3.1	2.6	9.6	8.8	9.2	5.2	5.3	5.2
Ballia	Rural	11.4	11.1	11.2	6.3	8.1	7.2	16.5	12.5	14.8
Ballia	Urban	2.7	4.7	3.6	0.0	1.7	0.0	9.1	3.5	6.7
Balrampur (up)	Rural	11.2	10.9	11.1	19.5	18.4	19.0	18.2	12.1	15.5
Balrampur (up)	Urban	3.7	4.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	2.2
Banda	Rural	0.7	0.4	0.6	14.6	14.8	14.7	23.4	16.5	20.3
Banda	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Barabanki	Rural	10.2	8.8	9.5	17.7	16.9	17.3	21.1	17.0	19.1
Barabanki	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.8	5.6	8.2
Bareilly	Rural	5.9	6.3	6.1	6.3	10.9	8.5	7.0	6.8	6.9
Bareilly	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5	6.0	6.8
Basti	Rural	4.2	3.7	4.0	8.8	8.3	8.5	15.4	10.9	13.2
Basti	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bhadoi	Rural	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.2	4.5	4.3	9.0	6.0	7.6
Bhadoi	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.7	11.6	16.9
Bijnor	Rural	0.2	0.0	0.0	5.6	6.4	6.0	13.4	9.8	11.7
Bijnor	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.8	7.4	9.1
Budaun	Rural	5.6	6.4	6.0	10.5	16.1	13.1	10.7	7.3	9.5
Budaun	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	7.9	9.7
Bulandshahr	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0
Bulandshahr	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chandauli	Rural	3.8	3.0	3.4	7.0	6.7	6.9	11.0	9.0	10.0
Chandauli	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.2	2.8	6.8
Chitrakoot	Rural	4.6	3.7	4.2	18.3	16.3	17.3	18.1	11.5	14.9
Chitrakoot	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Deoria	Rural	5.1	4.6	4.8	3.4	5.5	4.5	16.9	13.6	15.3
Deoria	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Etah	Rural	3.8	4.5	4.1	1.0	5.7	3.3	13.8	12.9	13.4
Etah	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	2.1	2.9
Etawah	Rural	4.3	4.0	4.1	9.2	10.3	9.7	14.5	9.7	12.4
Etawah	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Faizabad	Rural	6.1	5.0	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.2	8.2	4.8	6.5
Faizabad	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	1.0	1.9
Farrukhabad	Rural	4.3	5.1	4.7	6.3	11.7	9.0	12.2	13.1	12.6
Farrukhabad	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fatehpur	Rural	7.1	5.5	6.4	13.1	11.8	12.5	15.6	11.8	13.7

District	Rural/ Urban	Primary			Upper Primary			Secondary		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Fatehpur	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	7.2	7.6
Firozabad	Rural	1.3	2.4	1.8	0.6	3.3	1.9	13.6	8.4	11.3
Firozabad	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Gautam Buddha Nagar	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gautam Buddha Nagar	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ghaziabad	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	8.7	5.7	7.4
Ghaziabad	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ghazipur	Rural	5.0	4.6	4.8	5.7	5.6	5.6	19.5	13.5	16.7
Ghazipur	Urban	10.0	2.4	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.6	5.3	6.1
Gonda	Rural	8.3	7.2	7.8	9.4	10.0	9.7	12.0	9.2	10.7
Gonda	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Gorakhpur	Rural	2.3	3.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	5.3	6.1
Gorakhpur	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hamirpur (U.P.)	Rural	5.3	3.3	4.3	15.8	15.4	15.6	18.1	12.7	15.5
Hamirpur (U.P.)	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hapur (Panchsheel Nagar)	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	1.6	3.4
Hapur (Panchsheel Nagar)	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	9.5	6.0	7.9
Hardoi	Rural	11.4	10.5	11.0	15.7	17.9	16.7	15.6	13.1	14.6
Hardoi	Urban	5.6	6.4	5.9	4.0	5.9	4.9	4.4	1.4	3.1
Hathras	Rural	0.1	0.6	0.4	3.2	6.0	4.5	15.2	10.1	13.1
Hathras	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	2.5	3.2
Jalaun	Rural	8.1	7.8	8.0	16.1	17.2	16.7	10.7	8.7	9.7
Jalaun	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	6.0	6.9
Jaunpur	Rural	2.3	1.7	2.0	5.8	5.5	5.7	10.2	7.1	8.7
Jaunpur	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Jhansi	Rural	4.3	3.1	3.7	12.0	13.6	12.8	15.6	9.5	13.0
Jhansi	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Jyotiba Phule Nagar (Amroha)	Rural	0.0	1.4	0.2	3.8	7.3	5.5	7.6	6.5	7.1
Jyotiba Phule Nagar (Amroha)	Urban	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	2.8	1.2	7.5	7.9	7.7
Kannauj	Rural	3.9	4.2	4.1	2.9	4.9	3.9	17.1	15.9	16.5
Kannauj	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	8.1	12.0	9.7
Kanpur Dehat	Rural	1.1	1.5	1.3	1.3	2.2	1.8	14.8	11.1	13.1
Kanpur Dehat	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.1	1.5
Kanpur Nagar	Rural	4.4	4.5	4.5	7.1	8.5	7.8	9.2	7.5	8.4
Kanpur Nagar	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
Kanshiram Nagar	Rural	9.4	8.9	9.1	4.6	9.1	6.8	13.2	9.1	11.5
Kanshiram Nagar	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kaushambi	Rural	10.7	9.1	9.9	16.6	16.5	16.6	18.3	14.9	16.7
Kheri	Rural	1.0	1.9	1.5	9.1	12.3	10.6	12.1	9.5	10.9
Kheri	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kushinagar	Rural	9.7	9.1	9.4	2.0	4.3	3.1	16.0	13.2	14.6
Kushinagar	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lalitpur	Rural	2.9	1.3	2.1	15.2	16.9	16.0	18.2	15.2	17.0
Lalitpur	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	0.0	2.7
Lucknow	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.8	1.9	9.2	7.0	8.1
Lucknow	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.2
Maharajganj	Rural	7.5	6.5	7.0	7.1	7.4	7.3	17.3	14.7	16.1
Maharajganj	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.0	1.1
Mahoba	Rural	3.2	2.4	2.8	12.3	12.0	12.2	20.7	19.8	20.2
Mahoba	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	2.5	3.2
Mainpuri	Rural	3.9	5.3	4.6	5.2	7.3	6.2	16.2	12.4	14.6
Mainpuri	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	2.3	4.0
Mathura	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	4.7	6.3
Mathura	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	2.3	2.8
Mau	Rural	1.7	1.3	1.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	14.5	7.8	11.4
Mau	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.6	1.5	18.0	11.3	14.7
Meerut	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.8	1.2	8.5	6.1	7.4
Meerut	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mirzapur	Rural	5.7	4.8	5.2	10.7	9.0	9.9	14.3	8.9	11.6
Mirzapur	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	2.7	3.8
Moradabad	Rural	9.1	8.7	8.9	15.3	17.7	16.5	14.5	16.5	15.5
Moradabad	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.4	6.4	7.4
Muzaffarnagar	Rural	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	5.6	4.8	11.2	7.3	9.5
Muzaffarnagar	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	3.0	4.4
Pilibhit	Rural	7.2	6.3	6.8	15.2	17.2	16.2	14.2	11.1	12.9

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Pilibhit	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	3.9	4.3
Pratapgarh	Rural	4.7	4.8	4.7	7.6	8.5	8.0	9.4	9.2	9.3
Pratapgarh	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prayagraj	Rural	0.8	0.5	0.7	2.4	2.6	2.5	13.0	10.4	11.8
Prayagraj	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rae Bareli	Rural	2.0	1.5	1.7	6.8	6.4	6.6	8.7	6.5	7.6
Rae Bareli	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rampur	Rural	6.9	6.1	6.5	8.6	9.8	9.2	8.8	5.6	7.3
Rampur	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	8.8	8.4
Saharanpur	Rural	3.9	3.3	3.6	6.1	8.0	7.1	9.1	6.4	7.8
Saharanpur	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	3.0	4.9
Sambhal (Bhim Nagar)	Rural	3.0	5.1	4.0	0.0	8.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sambhal (Bhim Nagar)	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	4.4	4.5
Sant Kabir Nagar	Rural	10.6	9.8	10.2	7.4	6.7	7.0	14.9	11.5	13.2
Sant Kabir Nagar	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	2.4	4.5
Shahjahanpur	Rural	7.3	6.1	6.7	15.3	17.5	16.3	16.3	15.3	15.9
Shahjahanpur	Urban	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.1	7.1	8.8
Shamli (Prabudh Nagar)	Rural	0.8	2.1	1.4	5.8	5.5	5.6	7.8	2.0	5.1
Shamli (Prabudh Nagar)	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	3.2	6.4
Shrawasti	Rural	2.9	3.9	3.4	10.8	13.5	12.0	14.3	13.3	13.9
Shrawasti	Urban	2.4	0.0	1.3	14.1	14.4	14.2	3.7	0.0	1.5
Siddharthnagar	Rural	13.1	11.1	12.1	14.6	13.8	14.2	21.2	16.4	19.0
Siddharthnagar	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sitapur	Rural	9.2	8.5	8.9	17.7	18.2	18.0	13.0	12.7	12.9
Sitapur	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	2.1
Sonbhadra	Rural	4.0	3.9	4.0	12.8	12.1	12.4	15.6	11.0	13.3
Sonbhadra	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sultanpur	Rural	0.2	0.1	0.2	6.2	6.7	6.4	8.8	5.2	7.0
Sultanpur	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.8
Unnao	Rural	3.4	3.2	3.3	6.1	7.3	6.7	14.6	10.0	12.4
Unnao	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Varanasi	Rural	4.4	3.9	4.2	1.9	3.2	2.5	8.6	6.2	7.5
Varanasi	Urban	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.7	4.9	2.5	3.7
Uttar Pradesh		1.7	1.7	1.7	3.1	4.8	3.9	9.8	7.3	8.7

Source: UDISE+ 2023-24.

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