

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2704
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025**

JNVs in Bodoland Territorial Region

2704. Shri Pradyut Bordoloi:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the school dropout rates at all levels and Pupil Teacher Ratio in the country especially in Assam and the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR);

(b) whether the Government has established any new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the BTR since the signing of the Bodo Accord in 2020 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details regarding the progress made in the establishment of a Central University named after Upendranath Brahma and a National Institute of Technology in the BTR?

ANSWER

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

(a) The school dropout rates at all levels and the Pupil-Teacher Ratio across the country, particularly in Assam and the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR), are as follows:

India/State/District		School Dropout Rate		
		Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary
India		1.9	5.2	14.1
Assam		5.4	6.8	19.3
BTR	Baksa	4.2	5.8	25.4
	Chirang	5.2	6.9	27.2
	Kokrajhar	6.4	8.7	20.3
	Tamulpur	5.5	1.3	24.4
	Udalguri	5.2	9.0	16.9

India/State/District		Pupil Teacher Ratio			
		Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary	Higher Secondary
India		21	18	16	24
Assam		19	13	11	18
BTR	Baksa	13	9	8	22
	Chirang	16	13	13	21
	Kokrajhar	18	12	14	23
	Tamulpur	19	13	10	35
	Udalguri	19	14	12	30

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(b) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages opening of one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in each district of the country. Opening of new Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) is a continuous process which depends on the willingness of the concerned State Government/UT administration to make available requisite suitable land, free of cost, for construction of the permanent building and making available required temporary building, free of rent, to run the Vidyalaya till the permanent building is constructed. Sanction and opening of new NVs depend on approval by the competent authority as per extant procedures.

Udalgiri, Baksa, Chirang & Kokrajhar districts of Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) have been covered under Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme. Newly carved out Tamulpur district of BTR does not have a Navodaya Vidyalaya. However, the candidates from the newly bifurcated district, in which Navodaya Vidyalaya is not sanctioned, are permitted to appear for admission to the Navodaya Vidyalaya which is located in the unified undivided old district.

(c) The matter with regard to status of various projects under Memorandum of Settlement 2020 signed with Bodo groups of Assam, was considered in Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and in the meeting held on 13.09.2024, it was decided that a campus of Tezpur Central University may be opened in the name of Upendra Nath Brahma in Baksa District and Govt. of Assam/ Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) may send a proposal to MHA regarding the same. So far no information has been received in this department regarding any further development in this matter.

Government of Assam had suggested to consider upgradation of Central Institute of Technology (CIT), Kokrajhar to NIT in consultation with BTC and Department of Higher Education. However, no formal proposal to this effect has so far been received from the Government of Assam.
