

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3740**

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Education in Odisha

3740. Shri Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the dropout rates in primary and secondary schools of Odisha during the last five years;
- (b) the number of student leaving Government Schools in the State at primary and secondary level, district-wise;
- (c) the number of Government schools that have been closed in Odisha during the last five years along with the reasons of their closure;
- (d) the number of new schools established by the Government for vocational education and skill development in the State; and
- (e) the courses offered in these Schools to enhance employability among students?

ANSWER

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

(a): 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. As per UDISE+, dropout rates at primary and secondary levels in Odisha from the year 2019-20 to 2023-24 are as under:

Year	Primary Dropout			Secondary Dropout		
	Girls	Boys	Total	Girls	Boys	Total
2019-20	0.8	0.8	0.8	21.9	25.2	23.6
2020-21	0	0	0	15.4	16.7	16.0
2021-22	0	0	0	25.2	29.2	27.3
2022-23	0.1	0	0	16.1	19.3	17.7
2023-24	0	0	0	11.3	14.1	12.8

(b): As per UDISE+, district-wise total number of students at primary, secondary, and overall (pre-primary to higher secondary) level by management for the year 2022-23 and 2023-24 in Odisha is available at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques.

(c): Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and the opening and closing of schools is within the purview of respective State Government and UT Administration. As per UDISE+, number of Government schools in Odisha from the year 2019-20 to 2023-24 is given below:

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Number of Government Schools	53260	50256	49072	48767	48671

(d) and (e): As per UDISE+ 2023-24, number of government schools offering National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) courses in Odisha are 1298.

The Department of School Education and Literacy provides financial support for implementing the Centrally Sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha. Vocational Education is one of the components under Samagra Shiksha scheme. Under Vocational Education component of 'Samagra Shiksha', NSQF aligned vocational courses are offered to the students from class 9th to 12th in the schools covered under the scheme, which has been aligned with the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF). At the Secondary level i.e., Class IX and X, vocational modules are offered to the students as an additional subject. At Sr. Secondary level, i.e., Class XI and XII, vocational courses are offered as a compulsory (elective) subject. As of now, 138 Job Roles have been approved for introduction as Skill subjects to school students for Class IX to XII. Employability Skill modules including Communication Skills, Self-Management Skills, Information and Communication Technology Skills, Entrepreneurship Skills, and Green Skills has been made a mandatory part of skill subject under Samagra Shiksha Scheme.
