

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO - 6
ANSWERED ON 21/07/2025

Drop in Enrolment in Government Schools

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that there is a massive drop in enrolment in Government schools in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of enrolment in Government schools during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons behind the massive drop in Government schools, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage enrolment in Government schools?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA
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IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS'**

(a) and (b): 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+, State/UT wise enrolment in Government schools from the year 2019-20 to 2023-24 is at Annexure-I.

(c) and (d): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. Central Government assists States and UTs through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha and Mid Day Meal provided from Balvatika to class 8 under Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Yojna. Financial assistance is also provided to the States and UTs for various activities to reduce dropout and increase enrolment in Government schools, which include opening/strengthening of new schools up to senior secondary level, strengthening school infrastructure, setting up and up gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) upto class 12, setting up of residential schools/hostels named Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, hostels under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), transport allowance, undertaking enrolment drives, seasonal hostels/residential camps, provision of vocational education and ICT facilities in schools, providing free text books and free uniform, transport/escort facility, etc, financial assistance is also provided for aids and appliances for children with special needs. Financial assistances provided to States/UTs for the year 2024-25 central release under Samagra Shiksha is Rs. 3445820.90 lakhs.

Also, based on the recommendations of National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), w.e.f 2022-23 UDISE+ has been revitalized, to capture individual student wise data and created student's registry. There has been a complete change in the manner of collection of data from 2022-23 onwards from gross enrolment data to individual student data. It makes comparison of data from previous years statistically different/inchoate.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) AND (B) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 6 ANSWERED ON 21/07/2025 ASKED BY HONB'LE MP'S PROF. SOUGATA RAY AND SHRI KISHORI LAL REGARDING 'DROP IN ENROLMENT IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS'

State/UT-wise enrolment in Government schools from the year 2019-20 to 2023-24

State/UT	Enrolment				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
India	130931634	134904560	143240480	136204917	127490199
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	51905	49943	51168	52059	48792
Andhra Pradesh	4042535	4627208	4696207	4256013	4050116
Arunachal Pradesh	213421	234914	233908	205522	187634
Assam	5031895	5097436	5277671	5151710	5017578
Bihar	19579263	20874968	21989445	20359013	17466574
Chandigarh	152561	153489	165156	164241	155752
Chhattisgarh	4000147	4042244	4262053	4082523	3947170
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	83154	84162	91026	93770	93333
Delhi	2409441	2542240	2796676	2776216	2571404
Goa	43547	42857	42932	42653	41722
Gujarat	5295130	5334822	5570875	5511272	5459151
Haryana	2131579	2232333	2602484	2464486	2230123
Himachal Pradesh	851783	847735	900749	872058	831845
Jammu & Kashmir	1271045	1324301	1473368	1454668	1421643
Jharkhand	4810045	4873009	5242868	4943098	4843847
Karnataka	4906231	5031606	5445989	5327221	4985661
Kerala	1725686	1757209	1862020	1854934	1801570
Ladakh	27072	28744	29312	28667	26275
Lakshadweep	12606	13114	13586	12587	12591
Madhya Pradesh	9119353	8904779	9429734	9095629	8671760
Maharashtra	5646319	5594726	5853094	5481157	5325571
Manipur	199958	201758	216636	212608	203508
Meghalaya	478070	482425	477232	438863	420993
Mizoram	127509	132230	143345	135515	129068
Nagaland	174882	171747	170219	156175	141852
Odisha	5514876	5213350	5255198	5267551	5209594
Puducherry	83809	87867	97368	91295	83737
Punjab	2686786	2876825	3090436	2902536	2823581
Rajasthan	8521720	8955632	9912280	9250493	8381575
Sikkim	89876	85980	84411	79597	71839
Tamil Nadu	4593422	4775207	5314845	5042026	4840034
Telangana	2837635	2896974	3303699	3009212	2779713
Tripura	562047	536724	542892	524284	508036
Uttar Pradesh	16857549	17576345	19056651	18018332	15868581
Uttarakhand	941454	916631	980808	942657	870147
West Bengal	15857323	16303026	16564139	15904276	15967829

Source: UDISE+