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Closure of Government Schools

156. Adv Priya Saroj:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Government schools closed, merged, or made non-functional in the country during 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24;
- (b) the details of figures for Uttar Pradesh district-wise, particularly Jaunpur;
- (c) whether the Government maintains data on the number of students displaced due to school closures in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has noted a rise in dropout rates among girls in districts where schools were closed and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(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+, number of Government schools from the year 2021-22 to 2023-24 are given below.

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
India	1022386	1016010	1017660

As per UDISE+, district-wise number of Government schools from the year 2021-22 to 2023-24 in Uttar Pradesh including Jaunpur is available at https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl_ques.

(c) and (d): Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and the opening, closing and rationalisation of schools are within the purview of respective State Government and UT Administration. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 provides children's access to elementary schools within the defined area or limits of neighbourhood. In pursuance to Section 6 of the RTE Act, all States have notified area or limits of their neighbourhood norms. Further, Section 8 of the RTE Act, 2009 also mandates that the appropriate government shall provide free and compulsory elementary education to every child and will ensure availability of neighbourhood schools.

Further, as per UDISE+, the dropout rate of girls in Uttar Pradesh for the year 2023-24 and 2024-25 at different levels of education is given below:

Year	Girl's Dropout Rate		
	Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary
2023-24	1.7	4.8	7.3
2024-25	0	3.1	5.1
