

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 31
ANSWERED ON – 01/12/2025

Closure of Government Schools in Assam

31. Md. Rakibul Hussain:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a significant number of Government Primary and Secondary Schools have been closed down in the State of Assam during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details of total number of such schools closed, district-wise;
- (c) the details of reasons cited by the Government for the closure of these schools and whether any assessment was conducted to evaluate the social and educational impact of such closures; if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to reopen the closed schools or to establish new schools in place of those shut down, especially in backward districts of Assam and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Department of School Education, Assam has informed that no Government/Provincialized Primary, Middle, High and Higher Secondary Schools have been closed till date in the State of Assam. However, schools have been merged/amalgamated under the Shiksha Khetra Scheme where there is non-sustainable enrolment or schools situated in the same campus or to optimise the use of available resources into a Single Administrative and academic unit in adherence to Norms & Guidelines as per RTE 2009. Schools are rationalized within the distance norms for optimum utilization of teachers and as effort to reduce drop-out. No student has been deprived of getting education after merger/amalgamation and it is also ensured that after merger/amalgamation no student face any difficulty to pursue their schooling as all schools are available within the areas as per RTE norms.

The district wise number of elementary schools merged/amalgamated during last five years is placed at **Annexure-I**. During last five years, 206 Secondary Schools have been merged/amalgamated with nearest High/Higher Secondary/Sr. Secondary Schools under different plain district as details given in the **Annexure-II**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 31 FOR ANSWER ON 01.12.2025 ASKED BY MD. RAKIBUL HUSSAIN, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING CLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN ASSAM.

District wise number of Elementary Schools merged/amalgamated during last five years under Department of Elementary Education, Assam		
Sl.No.	Name of District	Number of Schools
1	Barpeta	159
2	Bongalgaon	93
3	Cachar	142
4	Charaldeo	2
5	Darrang	107
6	Dhemaji	89
7	Dhubri	106
8	Dibrugarh	88
9	Goalpara	167
10	Golaghat	61
11	Hallakandi	131
12	Jorhat	211
13	Kamrup(M)	37
14	Kamrup(R)	152
15	Karimganj	76
16	Lakhimpur	162
17	Majull	40
18	Morigaon	231
19	Nagaon	106
20	Nalbari	186
21	Sivasagar	156
22	Sonitpur	188
23	South Salmara	1
24	Tinsukia	83
Total		2774

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District wise total number of Secondary Schools amalgamated/merged during last five years		
Sl. No	Name of District	No. of Schools
1	Barpeta	23
2	Cachar	1
3	Darrang	20
4	Dhemaji	7
5	Dhubri	8
6	Dibrugarh	6
7	Goalpara	1
8	Hailakandi	6
9	Kamrup Metro	4
10	Kamrup	20
11	Sribhumi	5
12	Lakhimpur	33
13	Morigaon	4
14	Nagaon	1
15	Nalbari	20
16	Sivasagar	14
17	Sonitpur	7
18	Charaideo	1
19	Jorhat	14
20	Majuli	10
21	Tinsukia	1
Total		206
