LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 90
ANSWERED ON- 01/12/2025

Closure of Government School in Koraput

90. Shri Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka**:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government and Government-aided schools in undivided Koraput's Scheduled Areas in the State of that have been closed, merged, or are non-functional during the last five years, block-wise;
(b) the number of one-teacher schools and teacher vacancies therein;
(c) the details of enrolment affected by such closures/mergers, including SC/ST and girl students;
(d) the details of population density, settlement dispersion, and school-age population by block/GP in these areas; and
(e) the details of the average distance to nearest primary, upper-primary, secondary, and senior-secondary schools?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e)   Education is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and majority of the schools come under the purview of the respective State and UT Government. As informed by State Govt. of Odisha, total 686 Govt schools (satellite schools) have been merged with the lead Govt schools in Undivided Koraput (i.e. Koraput, Malkanagiri, Nawarangpur,Rayagada) as per the policy of rationalisation and consolidation of schools. Block wise details is at **Annexure – I.**

As per UDISE+2024-25, the number of one-teacher schools in undivided Koraput district is 3. Total teacher vacancy in these 3 Govt. schools of School & Mass Education Department is 3 (three).

Total number of students enrolled at the time of closure/ merger of the schools is 8545 including SC/ST and girl students. Students of merged/closed schools (during merger/closure) are enrolled in near by school.

The Population Density of Undivided Koraput (i.e. Koraput, Malkanagiri, Nawarangpur,Rayagada) is as under:
 • Koraput   - 157 /sq km
 • Malkangiri   - 106 /sq km
 • Nawarangpur - 231/sq km
 • Rayagada   - 137/sq km

Block wise school age population as per UDISE+ 2024-25 is at **Annexure-II.**

As per Section 6 of the RTE Act, 2009, the Central Government has notified the area or limits of neighbourhood, which provides the distance norms of one kilometer for children in classes I-V, and three kilometers for children in classes VI-VIII. Further, as per the Samagra Shiksha norms, the distance for Secondary school is 5 kilometer and for Senior secondary is 7-10 kilometer.

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Block-wise List of Merged Schools in undivided Koraput District

Sl No	Name of District	Name of Block	Total no. of schools
1	Koraput	Bandhugam	31
2		Boipariguda	24
3		Borigumma	14
4		Dasmantpur	46
5		Jeypore	3
6		Jeypore Mpl	2
7		Koraput	13
8		Koraput Nac	3
9		Kotpad	18
10		Kotpad Nac	2
11		Kundra	6
12		Lamtaput	35
13		Laxmipur	23
14		Nandapur	22
15		Narayanapatna	29
16		Pottangi	30
17		Semiliguda	41
18		Sunabeda Nac	4
19	Rayagada	Bissamcuttack	5
20		Chandrapur	9
21		Gudari	12
22		Gudari Nac	1
23		Gunupur	4
24		Gunupur Nac	2
25		K.Singpur	15
26		Kasipur	11
27		Kolnara	13
28		Muniguda	13
29		Padampur	4
30		Ramanaguda	16
31		Rayagada	16
32	Malkangiri	Kalimela	27
33		Khairput	5
34		Korukonda	15
35		Kudumulugumma	5
36		Malkangiri	7
37		Malkangiri Municipality	1
38		Mathili	9
39		Podia	16
40	Nabarangpur	Chandahandi	12
41		Dabugam	3
42		Jharigam	20
43		Kosagumuda	14
44		Nabarangpur	9
45		Nabarangpur Mpl	2
46		Nandahandi	15
47		Papadahandi	14
48		Raighar	22
49		Tentulikhunti	13
50		Umerkote	6
51		Umerkote Mpl	4
TOTAL		**51**	**686**

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Block-wise Enrolment in Govt. and Govt. Aided Schools as per Age

DISTRICT	BLOCK	<6 AGE	6 TO 10 AGE	11 TO 13 AGE	14 TO 15 AGE	16 TO 18 AGE	>18 AGE	GRAND TOTAL
Koraput	Bandhugam	441	5515	2991	1180	577	242	10946
	Boipariguda	809	10969	5330	2292	758	129	20287
	Borigumma	1260	15242	8324	3657	1342	197	30022
	Dasmantpur	652	8157	3642	1841	785	223	15300
	Jeypore	1925	18197	11589	5966	2955	394	41026
	Koraput	1131	11533	7497	4931	3043	606	28741
	Kotpad	1094	10302	5938	2727	970	241	21272
	Kundra	653	7780	5025	2525	1137	213	17333
	Lamtaput	463	5082	2936	1845	637	123	11086
	Laxmipur	482	6251	3940	2235	1243	467	14618
	Nandapur	711	8331	4842	2867	1433	314	18498
	Narayanapatna	363	4677	2566	1011	338	79	9034
	Pottangi	565	7060	4133	2078	869	231	14936
	Semiliguda	1175	11759	7421	4114	2366	555	27390
Koraput Total		**11724**	**130855**	**76174**	**39269**	**18453**	**4014**	**280489**
Malkangiri	Chitrakonda	596	6703	3581	1372	517	279	13048
	Kalimela	1466	12813	8161	3551	1697	403	28091
	Khairput	645	6607	4104	2194	1469	375	15394
	Korukonda	850	8151	5230	2322	941	231	17725
	Malkangiri	1585	15482	10636	5212	2842	552	36309
	Mathili	1087	10033	6141	2903	1607	529	22300
	Podia	434	3816	3123	1365	576	173	9487
Malkangiri Total		**6663**	**63605**	**40976**	**18919**	**9649**	**2542**	**142354**
Nabarangpur	Chandahandi	936	7764	4655	2462	1132	249	17198
	Dabugam	943	7508	3980	2227	944	225	15827
	Jharigam	1221	16895	9076	5509	2117	394	35212
	Kosagumuda	1733	16128	9201	4543	1689	428	33722
	Nabarangpur	1066	12050	7709	3923	1548	332	26628
	Nandahandi	692	5979	3616	2100	1164	235	13786
	Papadahandi	1778	14890	8179	3940	1311	260	30358
	Raighar	2744	18608	10749	5078	1966	401	39546
	Tentulikhunti	902	8780	5327	2628	828	142	18607
	Umerkote	2005	21056	11249	6071	2610	396	43387
Nabarangpur Total		**14020**	**129658**	**73741**	**38481**	**15309**	**3062**	**274271**
Rayagada	Bissamcuttack	964	8706	4626	2377	1381	351	18405
	Chandrapur	247	3207	2083	934	319	124	6914
	Gudari	508	4474	2071	969	395	30	8447
	Gunupur	889	8480	5684	3601	2486	431	21571
	K.Singpur	906	6411	3461	1735	639	128	13280
	Kasipur	1352	13830	6730	2978	1187	290	26367
	Kolnara	969	6749	3867	1831	843	235	14494
	Muniguda	897	10074	4705	2186	1029	227	19118
	Padampur	641	5791	3067	1685	971	206	12361
	Ramanaguda	377	4511	2255	1238	567	189	9137
	Rayagada	2170	18153	10958	5728	3292	726	41027
Rayagada Total		**9920**	**90386**	**49507**	**25262**	**13109**	**2937**	**191121**
Grand Total		**42327**	**414504**	**240398**	**121931**	**56520**	**12555**	**888235**