

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 125
ANSWERED ON - 09/02/2026

Shortfall in School and College Enrolment in Andhra Pradesh

*125. Shri P V Midhun Reddy:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the reported shortfall of 2,66,860 students in schools and junior colleges enrolment in Andhra Pradesh for 2025-26;
- (b) if so, the details of Central support such as data-cleaning, tracking out-of-school children and Aadhaar/UDISE linkage that has been offered to the State and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has adopted any specific criteria to trigger special corrective action in States/UTs with sudden enrolment drops, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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 PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 125 ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI P V MIDHUN REDDY REGARDING 'SHORTFALL IN SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ENROLMENT IN ANDHRA PRADESH'

(a): As per latest UDISE+ (Unified District Information System for Education Plus) report of 2024-25, total enrolment of students in Andhra Pradesh from Pre-Primary to Class 12 was 84,54,817. As per UDISE+ provisional data for 2025-26, total enrolment of students in Andhra Pradesh from Pre-Primary to Class-12 is 84,35,128.

(b): In compliance with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, with effect from 2022-23, UDISE+ application has been revitalized to capture individual student-wise data (including Aadhaar Number on voluntary basis) for creating student registry and tracking of children.

Support under Samagra Shiksha is provided for identification of children above six years of age who have not been admitted in any school or though admitted, could not complete elementary education, for admission into age-appropriate class. Further, special training facility is provided to such Out of School Children (OoSC) to integrate academically and emotionally with the rest of the class. For this purpose, financial support up to Rs.6,000/- per child per annum for non-residential courses and up to Rs. 20,000/- per child per annum for residential courses is provided.

(c) & (d): Government of India is implementing Samagra Shiksha, an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-primary to Class-XII. Samagra Shiksha aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education, across the country. Financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for improving school infrastructure, universal access, bringing gender equity, promoting inclusive education, quality education, digital initiatives, strengthening teacher education institutions, vocational education, entitlements under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, etc. Some of the major interventions under Samagra Shiksha are as follows: -

- a. Upgradation and improvement of school infrastructure including classrooms, basic facilities, sanitation, safe and clean environment making government schools more attractive.
- b. Support for providing school uniforms, and text books.

- c. Support for pre-primary class in government schools to help children get into formal school system from early age, increasing overall enrollment.
- d. Identifying Out of School Children (OoSC) and giving support for continuing their education in age-appropriate class.
- e. Support for Smart classrooms, digital boards, ICT labs, virtual classrooms to modernize government schools.
- f. Support for transport facilities to provide access to school.
- g. Additional support for Children with Special Needs (CwSN).
- h. Support for Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs), and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya (NSCBAV) for marginal / weaker sections to continue education in a safe residential / school facility up to higher classes.
- i. Construction of hostels for PVTGs (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) under PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan), and construction of hostels under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) for unsaturated ST population.
- j. Support for strengthening teacher education institutions.

States /UTs are encouraged to undertake enrolment drives, door-to-door campaigns, community mobilization, etc., to increase enrollment of students in Government schools.

Government of India is also implementing PM POSHAN scheme (Mid-Day Meal) to provide nutritious hot cooked meals in government and aided schools to facilitate increase in enrolment, retention and attendance.

State Government of Andhra Pradesh has also informed that SMS alerts are sent to parents when students remain absent for more than three consecutive days. Further, in cases where a student is absent for over a week, concerned Welfare and Education Official at the Gram Panchayat level visits the student's residence to ascertain the reasons for absence and ensure their return to school.
