

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4910  
ANSWERED ON 23/03/2026

**Enrolment and Retention Rates of Girls in Schools**

4910. Shri Tharaniventhan M S:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the current enrolment and retention rates of girls in schools under the Samagra Shiksha scheme, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the specific initiatives that have been implemented under Samagra Shiksha to increase the enrolment of girls, particularly at the secondary and senior secondary levels;
- (c) whether there are any scholarships, incentives or financial assistance programme available for girls under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme and if so, the number of girls benefitting from such financial support during each of the last one year;
- (d) the awareness campaigns conducted under Samagra Shiksha to promote girls' education and engage communities in supporting the education of girls; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure gender-sensitive infrastructure in schools, such as separate toilets, hygiene facilities and safe spaces to encourage girls' attendance?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) State/UT-wise details of the current enrolment and retention rates of girls in schools under the Samagra Shiksha scheme, are at **Annexure**. Further, the Gender Parity Index is above 1.0 at all pedagogical structures and the dropout rate for girls is lower than that of boys.

Under Samagra Shiksha, various interventions have been targeted for girls, which include opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, free uniform and text-books to girls up to Class VIII, Self-Defence Training to Girls of class VI to XII of Govt. Schools, additional teachers and residential quarters for teachers in remote/hilly areas, appointment of additional teachers including women teachers, stipend @Rs. 200 per month for 10 months in a year to CWSN girls from class I to class XII, separate toilets for girls, teachers' sensitization programs to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching-learning materials including text books etc. A total number of 5.50 lakh CwSN girls received stipend during 2024-25.

Further, special state specific projects for varied interventions under equity are also emphasized for enhancing access, retention and quality for girls by promoting enrolment drives, retention and motivation camps, gender sensitization modules etc. Such projects include life skills, awareness programmes, incinerators, sanitary pad vending machines etc. Under Samagra Shiksha, there is a provision of Separate toilets for girls in schools. As per UDISE+ 2024-25, 97.1% Govt. Schools have Separate toilets for girls in schools.

To reduce gender gaps at all levels of school education, there is a provision of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) under Samagra Shiksha. KGBVs are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups such as SC, ST, OBC and others. For admission in KGBVs for Grade VI, the States/UTs do awareness campaigns for enrolment of girls. In addition, under Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to States and UTs for setting up of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, construction of hostels under PM-JANMAN, construction of hostels under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) for unsaturated ST population which includes hostel facilities for both boys and girls to improve the retention rate.

National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 emphasizes the participation of community and parents in helping the child to learn appropriately and in achievement of learning outcomes. Under Samagra Shiksha, there is a provision of Community Mobilization under Quality and Innovation interventions. With the help of Community, every year enrollment drives are conducted at the beginning of the academic session for identifying and bringing out-of-school or dropout girls back into the formal educational system. Parents are informed about various provisions of Samagra Shiksha which helps to reduce financial barriers in education through awareness programs.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4910 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2026 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI THARANIVENTHAN M S REGARDING ENROLMENT AND RETENTION RATES OF GIRLS IN SCHOOLS**

S. No.	State/UTs Name	Girls Enrolment (All Mgt.) Schools (2024-25)				Girls Retention Rate (All Mgt.) - 2024-25			
		Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary	Higher Secondary	Primary	Elementary	Secondary	Higher Secondary
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	11333	8153	5493	5381	100.0	91.2	88.3	82.5
2	Andhra Pradesh	1577070	1084320	657086	536012	100.0	100.0	97.6	64.3
3	Arunachal Pradesh	68780	38560	22562	13846	56.9	53.6	34.8	20.7
4	Assam	1579996	902564	563519	305056	80.2	74.4	57.4	30.4
5	Bihar	4990195	2863510	1435008	1055921	90.9	77.8	37.8	26.9
6	Chandigarh	37529	29640	18857	19240	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
7	Chhattisgarh	1199042	732078	425717	315689	93.7	90.5	67.6	54.7
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	28357	17517	10368	7683	100.0	95.4	83.0	62.4
9	Delhi	795028	558822	337745	296984	100.0	100.0	87.9	90.2
10	Goa	55203	35137	22040	19635	100.0	92.9	85.6	80.3
11	Gujarat	2148938	1494554	777536	530767	100.0	90.4	69.3	44.8
12	Haryana	1038381	691203	405140	338854	100.0	97.8	97.1	67.5
13	Himachal Pradesh	231618	157862	107449	93657	100.0	95.2	91.1	84.6
14	Jammu and Kashmir	502369	272394	163376	119331	79.8	75.1	55.6	39.7
15	Jharkhand	1606432	942127	570880	391784	90.6	80.8	55.3	37.2
16	Karnataka	2460515	1508254	1002153	682353	100.0	94.9	89.2	57.8
17	Kerala	1082658	723388	482379	446809	97.9	99.5	99.9	92.9
18	Ladakh	10806	5800	4046	2856	77.6	71.9	75.6	53.3
19	Lakshadweep	2530	1443	895	591	92.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
20	Madhya Pradesh	3045523	1905758	1030466	695912	89.8	81.0	56.0	34.5
21	Maharashtra	4385494	2579685	1684658	1337055	100.0	92.5	86.1	68.2
22	Manipur	143521	70259	43762	32536	67.3	61.6	53.0	32.0
23	Meghalaya	244178	115793	62675	30409	57.4	44.4	32.7	18.2
24	Mizoram	56570	29512	19973	12836	56.7	54.0	42.9	29.1
25	Nagaland	78619	43387	27884	19513	70.7	50.8	48.5	31.9
26	Odisha	1584653	1026516	618138	472075	100.0	92.5	76.3	56.0
27	Puducherry	40420	27494	18848	17897	93.8	97.0	92.5	87.2
28	Punjab	1003521	599694	382354	340172	100.0	94.1	80.6	71.4
29	Rajasthan	3182406	1992018	1153110	923047	84.9	79.6	56.9	53.5
30	Sikkim	19593	12415	8689	7295	87.3	79.6	75.8	62.7
31	Tamil Nadu	2214357	1485163	985466	921941	95.7	96.1	90.7	80.2
32	Telangana	1466391	906616	563682	414250	100.0	95.6	79.1	57.6
33	Tripura	139552	88433	51744	40889	100.0	87.4	71.3	53.4
34	Uttar Pradesh	9142434	5423757	2693442	2392311	86.9	70.7	48.4	42.7
35	Uttarakhand	448659	272960	172673	159351	98.8	84.3	73.5	69.9
36	West Bengal	3458745	2175120	1527041	859488	86.9	89.8	77.5	56.2
	<b>INDIA</b>	<b>50081416</b>	<b>30821906</b>	<b>18056854</b>	<b>13859426</b>	<b>93.4</b>	<b>84.2</b>	<b>64.2</b>	<b>49.6</b>

(Source: UDISE+ 2024-25)