

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *141
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026

ENROLLMENT AND DROPOUTS OF MINORITY STUDENTS

141. SHRI SACHITHANANTHAM R.

Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

the enrollment and dropout percentages of Minority vis-à-vis General students in Primary, Upper Primary, Secondary, Higher Secondary and Higher Education Institutions during the last five academic years, religion-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *141 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI SACHITHANANTHAM R. REGARDING "THE ENROLLMENT AND DROPOUTS OF MINORITY STUDENTS".

The Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every stratum, including minorities, especially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various schemes of different Ministries.

Ministry of Minority Affairs has specifically implemented various Scholarship schemes, across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six notified minority communities.

Further, the Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education has developed the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) to record data on school education, and the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education conducts the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) to record data on higher education, including enrolment of students belonging to minority communities.

As per information furnished by the Ministry of Education, the position is as under:

School Education (Primary, Upper Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary):

Year-wise and level-wise enrolment of students belonging to minority communities, vis-à-vis overall enrolment along with dropout rates, for the last five academic years (2021-22 to 2025-26) as per UDISE+ is at **Annexure-I**. It is submitted that UDISE+ maintains minority enrolment as an aggregate of the six notified minority communities (Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi and Jain) and does not maintain enrolment figures disaggregated religion-wise.

It is submitted that UDISE+ presently maintains dropout rate at the aggregate level only, and this data is not maintained disaggregated by minority community/religion, nor is dropout rate captured separately for the Secondary level.

Higher Education:

As per AISHE, year-wise enrolment of 'Muslim' and 'Other Minority Community' students (Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi and Jain taken together), gender-wise, vis-à-vis overall enrolment in Higher Education Institutions, for the last five available AISHE survey years (2019-20 to 2023-24), is at **Annexure-II**.

In the Higher Education Sector, as students have multiple options they choose and migrate from one course or program to another, there is no concept of dropout in higher education.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *141 FOR 29.07.2026

Enrolment of Minority Students vis-à-vis Overall Enrolment, School Education (UDISE+)

All-India, Year-wise (2021-22 to 2025-26)

Primary

Year	Overall Enrolment	Minority Enrolment	% Minority	Overall Dropout Rate**
2021-22	12,18,42,250	2,29,12,585	18.8%	1.45
2022-23	11,24,21,298	2,34,98,927	20.9%	7.8
2023-24	10,78,37,711	2,29,09,194	21.2%	1.9
2024-25	10,43,81,347	2,24,86,776	21.5%	0.3
2025-26	10,19,15,874	2,21,77,218	21.8%	0.3

Upper Primary

Year	Overall Enrolment	Minority Enrolment	% Minority	Overall Dropout Rate**
2021-22	6,67,90,692	1,19,13,446	17.8%	3.02
2022-23	6,34,77,860	1,22,80,606	19.3%	8.1
2023-24	6,31,26,015	1,21,61,506	19.3%	5.2
2024-25	6,36,95,100	1,22,55,651	19.2%	3.5
2025-26	6,32,41,424	1,23,79,764	19.6%	3.6

**** Data related to dropout is maintained at the aggregate level only, it is not maintained disaggregated minority community/religion wise**

Secondary

Year	Overall Enrolment	Minority Enrolment	% Minority	Overall Dropout Rate**
2021-22	3,85,28,631	63,08,410	16.4%	12.61
2022-23	3,79,34,094	69,64,531	18.4%	16.4
2023-24	3,68,63,791	68,50,934	18.6%	14.1
2024-25	3,71,65,436	68,46,375	18.4%	11.5
2025-26	3,82,90,413	71,49,737	18.7%	9.5

Higher Secondary

Year	Overall Enrolment	Minority Enrolment	% Minority	Overall Dropout Rate
2021-22	2,85,79,050	43,04,963	15.1%	AISHE is an annual enrolment survey and does not capture dropout/attrition data for Higher Education Institutions.
2022-23	2,77,90,658	46,02,819	16.6%	
2023-24	2,71,35,514	45,55,430	16.8%	
2024-25	2,76,43,717	46,13,347	16.7%	
2025-26	2,88,59,146	49,23,667	17.1%	

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ANNEXURE-II**Year-wise Minority Enrolment in Higher Education Institutions vis-à-vis Overall Enrolment (AISHE)**

AISHE Survey Year	Overall Enrolment		Muslim		Other Minority Communities	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
2023-24	4,50,01,123	2,23,52,948	22,52,799	11,65,295	10,79,566	5,71,197
2022-23	4,46,32,261	2,17,54,890	22,43,813	11,23,430	10,46,514	5,60,384
2021-22	4,32,68,181	2,06,91,792	21,08,033	10,39,267	9,05,159	4,77,734
2020-21	4,13,80,713	2,01,42,803	19,21,713	9,67,058	8,29,866	4,48,102
2019-20	3,85,36,359	1,88,92,612	21,00,860	10,54,486	8,87,750	4,83,002

