

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2614
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2021**

Shortage of upper primary schools

2614 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of upper primary schools State-wise throughout the country;
- (b) whether there is a shortage of upper primary schools across the country;
- (c) if so, whether there is a plan to build more upper primary schools; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a) Department of School Education & Literacy has launched Centrally Sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha for school education from 2018- 19, subsuming the erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). As per Unified Districts Information System for Education plus (UDISE+) 2018-19, the total number of upper primary schools State-wise throughout the country for the year 2018-19 is at Annexure.
- (b) to (d) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 provides for access to elementary schools for children within the defined area or limits of neighbourhood. Accordingly, the States have notified area or limits of their neighbourhood norms, factoring in their State specific condition, for opening of schools. As reported by States and UTs in their Annual Work Plan, 2018-19, 97.01% of habitations in the country are covered by upper primary schools. The habitations that are mostly small or sparsely populated in difficult areas where opening of school is not feasible, there is provision of giving transport and escort facility and opening of residential schools and hostels. Under the Centrally Sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha, there is a provision for support for upgradation of schools from primary to upper primary based on appraisals of proposals received from the States and UTs.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2614 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2021 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA REGARDING 'Shortage of upper primary schools'.

Number of schools for the year 2018-19

Sr. No.	State/UT	Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary	Higher Secondary	Total
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	217	81	50	66	414
2	Andhra Pradesh	39499	9427	12513	2182	63621
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2031	1299	302	161	3793
4	Assam	44519	12008	7568	2229	66324
5	Bihar	42733	37894	3666	4931	89224
6	Chandigarh	20	41	72	96	229
7	Chhattisgarh	32811	16370	2702	4391	56274
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	168	131	23	24	346
9	Daman & Diu	50	42	24	24	140
10	Delhi	2695	872	367	1769	5703
11	Goa	907	61	404	114	1486
12	Gujarat	12282	30065	4846	7388	54581
13	Haryana	9885	5500	3176	4973	23534
14	Himachal Pradesh	11252	2771	1726	2463	18212
15	Jammu And Kashmir	15106	10136	3200	1266	29708
16	Jharkhand	24453	16529	3351	1575	45908
17	Karnataka	25554	31802	15388	5489	78233
18	Kerala	7132	4680	1927	2962	16701
19	Lakshadweep	15	15	2	13	45
20	Madhya Pradesh	86975	49622	8262	9205	154064
21	Maharashtra	52574	29922	17404	10042	109942
22	Manipur	2600	1084	914	246	4844
23	Meghalaya	9348	3553	1418	350	14669
24	Mizoram	1504	1540	683	186	3913
25	Nagaland	1190	800	577	185	2752
26	Odisha	34994	21837	9488	2398	68717
27	Puducherry	280	83	197	179	739
28	Punjab	13872	5122	4484	5159	28637
29	Rajasthan	38766	36463	10587	20067	105883
30	Sikkim	722	314	146	108	1290
31	Tamil Nadu	35970	9411	5828	7943	59152
32	Telangana	20753	7356	11847	2399	42355
33	Tripura	2578	1245	669	453	4945
34	Uttar Pradesh	161366	80624	12083	19162	273235
35	Uttarakhand	14338	5430	1341	2450	23559
36	West Bengal	77869	9249	3338	7372	97828
	Total	827028	443379	150573	130020	1551000

Source: UDISE+ 2018-19