

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1961
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022**

Decrease in enrolment of students in Pre-Primary and Class I in the country

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to a report released by the Ministry in March, 2022, the enrolment of students in pre-primary level and Class I declined by nearly 29 lakh and 18 lakh respectively in 2020-21 as compared to 2019-20 owing to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (b) what steps have been taken by the Ministry to increase the enrolment especially in the rural, tribal and hilly areas of the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a): The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education has developed the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) system to record data on indicators of school education provided by all the States and Union Territories. As per UDISE+, enrolment of students in pre-primary level and Class I in 2019-20 and 2020-21 is as under:

Year	Enrolment of students in pre-primary level	Enrolment of students in Class I
2019-20	1,35,55,892	2,50,78,062
2020-21	1,06,45,526	2,31,94,649

(b): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments.

Centre helps States and UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, which is an overarching scheme of school education covering all levels from pre-primary to senior secondary. Financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs for various activities to improve enrolment in Govt. schools, which include opening/strengthening of new schools up to senior secondary level, strengthening school infrastructure, setting up, up gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) upto class 12, setting up of residential schools/hostel named Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, transport allowance, undertaking enrolment drives, seasonal hostels/residential camps, provision of vocational education and ICT facilities in schools, etc, financial assistance is also provided for aids and

appliances for children with special needs. Centre also helps States and UTs under the PM-POSHAN scheme which is an ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme and flagship programme of Central Government. The scheme covers about 11.80 cores children studying in Balvatika to elementary classes (1 to 8) in govt and govt aided schools to enable children to meet their nutrition requirements and safeguard their immunity.
