

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-651
ANSWERED ON 08/02/2023

Drop out among children

651 Shri Harbhajan Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that more female students as compared to the male students have dropped out of school since the beginning of the pandemic;
- (b) the total number of female students dropped out of school since the beginning of the pandemic;
- (c) the policy solutions developed to tackle this issue and to increase enrollment of female students, post-pandemic; and
- (d) the State that saw most number of female students dropping out of school from the beginning of the pandemic?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) to (d): 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 data recorded in UDISE+, States/UTs wise and Gender-wise schools dropout rates for the year 2019-20 to 2021-22 are calculated and are at annexure I.

Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education is implementing the scheme of Samagra Shiksha for universalization of quality education throughout the country in coordination with the States and UTs. Bridging gender and social gaps at all levels of school education is one of the major objectives of the Samagra Shiksha. Under Samagra Shiksha, various facilities are being provided for promoting girls' education. These include opening of schools in the neighbourhood as defined by the State, free uniform and text-books to girls up to Class VIII, provision of gender segregated toilets in all schools, provision of self-defence training to girls from classes VI to XII, stipend to CWSN girls from class I to Class XII, among others, special state specific projects for equity such as life skills, awareness programmes, incinerators, sanitary pad vending machines etc., and vocationalization of secondary education.

In addition, to reduce the dropout of Girls at all levels of school education, under Samagra Shiksha, there is a provision of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) in the Educationally Backward Blocks where rural female literacy rate is below the national average. KGBVs are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and Below Poverty Line (BPL).

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Dropout Rate for the year 2019-20

State/Uts	Primary Drop Out Rate			Upper Primary Drop Out Rate			Secondary Drop Out Rate		
	Boys	Girls	Overall	Boys	Girls	Overall	Boys	Girls	Overall
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.1	12.3	15.7
Andhra Pradesh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	17.2	12.2	14.8
Arunachal Pradesh	7.8	4.6	6.2	7.7	7.2	7.5	37.6	30.9	34.3
Assam	5.1	3.6	4.3	4.8	2.1	3.4	31.5	32.9	32.3
Bihar	3.0	1.5	2.3	8.6	9.2	8.9	20.0	22.7	21.4
Chandigarh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	5.9	3.3	4.7
Chhattisgarh	1.4	0.6	1.0	4.6	3.1	3.8	19.4	17.2	18.3
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	22.8	17.3	20.3
Daman & Diu	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	23.2	16.5	20.0
Delhi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	15.7	11.9	13.9
Goa	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	12.8	7.2	10.2
Gujarat	1.0	0.9	1.0	3.5	7.2	5.2	26.0	20.7	23.7
Haryana	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	2.5	1.8	14.4	12.0	13.3
Himachal Pradesh	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.2	1.0	0.6	8.4	5.9	7.2
Jammu & Kashmir	5.8	6.0	5.9	4.9	5.4	5.1	18.4	18.6	18.5
Jharkhand	7.3	5.3	6.3	9.0	7.9	8.5	16.2	17.0	16.6
Karnataka	1.4	0.9	1.2	2.7	2.3	2.5	19.4	14.1	16.8
Kerala	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.8	5.9	7.9
Ladakh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lakshadweep	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	10.6	2.7	6.7
Madhya Pradesh	0.9	0.7	0.8	3.6	4.7	4.1	24.4	21.8	23.2
Maharashtra	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7	1.5	1.1	16.2	14.0	15.2
Manipur	8.8	8.7	8.8	4.4	3.6	4.0	9.3	9.2	9.2
Meghalaya	7.9	6.1	7.0	9.5	6.6	8.0	22.8	21.8	22.2
Mizoram	8.0	7.6	7.8	3.8	1.2	2.5	23.2	17.5	20.4
Nagaland	4.9	3.5	4.2	6.9	3.9	5.4	21.7	20.7	21.2
Odisha	0.8	0.8	0.8	4.9	4.1	4.5	25.2	21.9	23.6
Puducherry	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.8	4.9	7.9
Punjab	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	1.6
Rajasthan	2.9	2.8	2.9	1.1	2.1	1.5	12.5	12.1	12.3
Sikkim	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.6	21.1	23.2
Tamilnadu	1.4	0.8	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	13.4	5.6	9.6
Telangana	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	14.0	10.6	12.3
Tripura	2.2	1.8	2.0	3.8	3.2	3.5	27.0	26.4	26.7
Uttar Pradesh	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.3	9.5	7.3	8.4
Uttarakhand	2.8	2.5	2.7	0.2	4.0	2.1	14.6	14.2	14.4
West Bengal	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.1	13.6	13.8
Total	1.7	1.2	1.5	2.2	3.0	2.6	17.0	15.1	16.1

Source:-Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20

Annexure-I (cont.)

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Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2.1	2.5	2.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	7.3	6.8	7.0
Andhra Pradesh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	17.3	16.1	16.7
Arunachal Pradesh	9.6	6.6	8.1	7.8	6.4	7.1	8.7	11.3	10.1
Assam	4.2	2.3	3.3	6.3	3.6	4.9	29.0	31.4	30.3
Bihar	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	3.4	2.8	16.3	19.0	17.6
Chandigarh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chhattisgarh	0.8	0.6	0.7	4.8	3.3	4.1	15.5	11.3	13.4
Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4.4	3.4	3.9	2.1	1.3	1.7	20.5	14.7	17.7
Delhi	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.0	1.1	7.0	5.1	6.1
Goa	1.6	1.5	1.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	6.3	5.0	5.7
Gujarat	0.9	1.1	1.0	3.7	5.5	4.5	25.1	20.9	23.3
Haryana	2.2	2.0	2.1	1.7	2.0	1.8	12.2	8.9	10.8
Himachal Pradesh	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.4	8.1	7.1	7.6
Jammu & Kashmir	4.5	4.2	4.4	2.6	4.1	3.4	2.9	4.6	3.7
Jharkhand	4.0	2.9	3.5	5.3	5.5	5.4	12.6	13.3	13.0
Karnataka	1.3	0.9	1.1	2.1	1.9	2.0	18.2	14.8	16.6
Kerala	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.1	4.9	7.1
Ladakh	3.8	4.3	4.1	3.1	1.2	2.1	5.8	1.1	3.4
Lakshadweep	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Madhya Pradesh	1.4	1.3	1.3	6.1	6.6	6.4	25.2	22.1	23.8
Maharashtra	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.7	1.5	11.3	11.1	11.2
Manipur	8.9	8.1	8.5	4.3	3.7	4.0	9.4	9.4	9.4
Meghalaya	8.7	6.1	7.4	10.3	7.8	9.0	28.5	26.9	27.6
Mizoram	8.5	7.6	8.1	7.1	3.5	5.3	22.2	17.8	20.0
Nagaland	6.6	5.2	5.9	5.2	3.2	4.2	24.7	22.5	23.6
Odisha	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	15.4	16.0
Puducherry	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.4	5.3	6.9
Punjab	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	11.1	9.0
Rajasthan	0.8	1.2	1.0	2.6	2.8	2.7	9.0	8.8	8.9
Sikkim	2.1	0.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.2	18.4	21.6
Tamilnadu	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	8.6	4.1	6.4
Telangana	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	13.4	13.9
Tripura	4.5	3.9	4.2	6.1	4.9	5.5	28.0	25.4	26.7
Uttar Pradesh	1.8	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.1	9.6	6.9	8.3
Uttarakhand	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.7	6.5	4.6	11.9	13.2	12.5
West Bengal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.2	13.3	13.3
Total	0.8	0.7	0.8	2.0	2.6	2.3	14.3	13.7	14.0

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Andhra Pradesh	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.5	1.6	17.5	15.0	16.3
Arunachal Pradesh	9.3	9.2	9.3	4.8	8.4	6.7	11.2	12.3	11.7
Assam	6.8	5.2	6.0	10.1	7.6	8.8	19.8	20.7	20.3
Bihar	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	5.2	4.6	19.5	21.4	20.5
Chandigarh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chhattisgarh	1.0	0.6	0.8	4.8	3.3	4.1	11.5	8.1	9.7
Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	8.4	9.5
Delhi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	3.7	4.8
Goa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.1	5.5	9.0
Gujarat	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	5.8	5.0	19.4	15.9	17.9
Haryana	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	6.7	4.9	5.9
Himachal Pradesh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	2.0	0.9	1.5
Jammu & Kashmir	3.9	4.1	4.0	2.8	3.2	3.0	5.6	6.3	6.0
Jharkhand	2.4	1.1	1.8	3.7	4.0	3.9	9.7	8.9	9.3
Karnataka	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	16.2	13.0	14.7
Kerala	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	4.1	5.5
Ladakh	7.5	5.5	6.5	2.2	0.0	1.1	4.0	5.7	4.9
Lakshadweep	0.5	0.4	0.5	3.2	1.9	2.6	0.4	0.0	0.0
Madhya Pradesh	3.2	2.9	3.1	8.6	9.0	8.8	10.6	9.7	10.1
Maharashtra	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.6	1.5	10.8	10.6	10.7
Manipur	13.5	13.0	13.3	6.0	5.2	5.6	1.4	1.2	1.3
Meghalaya	11.1	8.6	9.8	12.0	9.4	10.6	23.3	20.4	21.7
Mizoram	7.1	5.6	6.4	3.8	1.6	2.7	13.1	10.8	11.9
Nagaland	5.6	4.5	5.0	4.6	3.4	4.0	18.9	16.2	17.5
Odisha	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	6.5	7.3	29.2	25.2	27.3
Puducherry	3.7	3.6	3.7	2.8	2.1	2.4	8.4	4.1	6.3
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Rajasthan	3.8	3.3	3.6	4.4	4.2	4.3	7.8	7.5	7.7
Sikkim	2.9	0.5	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.6	9.5	11.9
Tamilnadu	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	2.5	4.5
Telangana	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	2.9	3.1	14.5	12.9	13.7
Tripura	1.2	1.0	1.1	4.8	4.3	4.5	8.5	8.2	8.3
Uttar Pradesh	2.4	3.0	2.7	1.3	4.7	2.9	9.5	10.0	9.7
Uttarakhand	1.0	0.5	0.8	3.0	2.4	2.7	5.4	4.6	5.0
West Bengal	9.1	8.2	8.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.4	17.7	18.0
Total	1.6	1.4	1.5	2.7	3.3	3.0	13.0	12.3	12.6

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