

Drop out Students

2417. SHRIMATI PRAMILA DAN-
DAYATE: Will the Minister of EDU-
CATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of drop out students has increased recently;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of drop out students at the school leaving stage (after 10th) in 1979; and

(c) the number during the college stage (before acquiring the degree or diploma) in 1979?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WEL-
FARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) and (b). Based on the cohort of students enrolled in classes I—X for the country as a whole during the

period 1965-66 to 1976-77 for which the information is available, it has been observed that upto the year 1975-76, the percentage of drop outs was nearly constant and for the year 1976-77 the percentage of drop outs declined. However, in absolute terms the total number of drop outs increased upto 1975-76 and then declined for the year 1976-77. A statement giving the number of drop outs and the percentage of drop outs at the secondary stage based on the cohort of students enrolled in Classes I—X during the period 1965-66 to 1976-77 is enclosed (Statement-I).

(c) A statement showing the number of drop outs and their percentage for the collegiate stage as estimated by the University Grants Commission is enclosed (Statement-II).

Statement I*Percentage of drop-outs at the Secondary Stage*

S.No.	Enrolment in Class I	Enrolment in Class X	Number of drop-outs	% of Drop outs
1.	1,88,89,970 (1965-66)	28,72,188 (1974-75)	1,60,17,782	84.80
2.	1,95,33,259 (1966-67)	29,27,951 (1975-76)	1,66,05,308	85.01
3.	1,97,50,974 (1967-68)	37,37,481 (1976-77)	1,60,13,493	81.01

(Figures in brackets indicate the year)

Statement II

*Enrolment in the 'First Year' and Final Year' Classes at degree and
Postgraduate level and 'Percentage Drop Out of Students*

(ARTS/SCIENCE/COMMERCE FACULTIES)

(a) Degree Level

(i) Three year degree courses (Pass/Hons. combined)

	<u>B.A.</u>	<u>B.Sc.</u>	<u>B.Com.</u>
Enrolment First year (1976-77)	2,47,655	1,26,968	1,37,707
Enrolment 3rd year (1978-79)	1,86,608	87,238	1,06,322
Percentage of drop-outs	24.6	31.3	22.8

(ii) Two year degree courses (Pass/Hons.)

	<u>B.A.</u>	<u>B.Sc.</u>	<u>B.Com.</u>
Enrolment First year (1977-78) . . .	1,97,003	67,742	60,698
Enrolment Second year (1978-79) . . .	1,51,330	57,304	46,301
Percentage of drop outs	23.2	15.4	22.9

(b) Postgraduate Level

	<u>M.A.</u>	<u>M.Sc.</u>	<u>M.Com.</u>
Enrolment First year (1977-78) . . .	70,610	24,323	17,849
Enrolment Second year (1978-79) . . .	60,839	21,723	13,109
Percentage of drop outs	13.9	10.7	26.5

Procurement of Wheat

2418. SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL
KOCHACK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed or are proposing that the foodgrains stocks by the end of June will be 20 million tonnes;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there has been a marked increase of 7 per cent in the total procurement of wheat by the Food Corporation of India during this period;

(c) in how many States wheat procurement has been completed;

(d) whether the Food Corporation of India has made sufficient provisions to store foodgrains procured by them as the rainy season may start soon;

(e) whether wheat which was lying in the mandis of various States has been removed by now and placed under the godowns; if not, by what time the same is likely to be taken to the godowns; and

(f) whether last year rains spoiled large quantity of foodgrains in the mandis?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) According to buffer stock policy, the Government maintains a buffer stock of 12 million tonnes over

and above the operational stock of 8.2 to 8.8 million tonnes on 1st July of each year.

(b) During the current Rabi marketing season of 1980-81, total procurement of wheat as reported upto 26th June 1980 has been of the order of 57.80 lakh tonnes as against 74.26 lakh tonnes during the corresponding period of the last season, thus indicating a decline of about 22 per cent.

(c) The Rabi procurement season spreads over the period from April to March. Although bulk of wheat procurement is made during April-June, yet small quantities are also purchased in the remaining period of the season.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The FCI are making efforts to remove the stocks from the mandis to the storage godowns within 48 hours of the purchase. However, since the procurement is still continuing, the possibility of some of the stocks lying in the mandis awaiting transportation to the storage cannot be ruled out.

(f) No, Sir.

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2419. SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state: