

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 92
ANSWERED ON – 21/07/2025**

Schools closed in Assam

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be please to State:

- (a) the number of primary, middle, high and higher secondary schools closed between FY 2016 and 2025 in Assam district and year-wise;
- (b) the number of students enrolled in these schools at the time of closure in Assam during the above period, district and year-wise;
- (c) the details of Middle and Primary drop outs and the position of Assam compared to the other States; and
- (d) the bifurcated number of closed primary, middle, high and higher secondary schools mapped across modes of academic instruction in Assam during the above period, district and year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): Department of School Education, Assam has informed that no Government/Provincialized Primary, Middle, High and Higher Secondary Schools have been closed till date in the State of Assam. However, at Elementary Level schools have been merged/amalgamated under the Siksha Khetra Scheme where there is non-sustainable enrolment or schools situated in the same campus or to optimise the use of available resources into a Single Administrative and academic unit in adherence to Norms & Guidelines as per RTE 2009. Schools are rationalized within the distance norms for optimum utilization of teachers and as effort to reduce drop-out.

As such, since the year 2017 till 2025, a total of 7427 Nos.(Source: Data of UDISE as received from SSA, Assam) of Elementary schools have been amalgamated or merged with other Elementary schools as Base Schools under Directorate of Elementary Education, Assam as well as with Secondary schools under the Directorate of Secondary Education, Assam.

However, the students of the merged/amalgamated schools are continuing their education in the Base school. No student has been deprived of getting education after merger/amalgamation and it is also ensured that after merger/amalgamation no student face any difficulty to pursue their schooling as all schools are available within the areas as per RTE norms.

The teachers of the merged/amalgamated schools have been rendering their services in the Base school and are getting their regular salary from the Base school. If there is any excess teacher as per RTE norms, rationalization of teachers is done within the districts from time to time making optimum utilization of services and for providing better education to the students.

At Secondary Level, to address low enrolment, optimum utilization of services of teaching staff, to mitigate shortage of teachers and to reduce dropout rate, as per the Govt. scheme "Shiksha Khetra", 289 Nos. of Secondary Schools have been amalgamated/ merged with nearest schools during the FY 2016-25. The students and teachers of the schools amalgamated/ merged with other base schools have come under the new base schools and have been covered under the same academic calendar as well as same administration.

The details of Middle and Primary drop outs and the position of Assam compared to other States is given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 92 FOR ANSWER ON 21.07.2025 ASKED BY MD. RAKIBUL HUSSAIN, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING SCHOOLS CLOSED IN ASSAM.

Details of Middle and Primary drop outs and the position of Assam compared to other States:

State/UTs Name	Annual Average Dropout Rate – 2023-24	
	Primary level (I-V)	Upper Primary
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	0.8	0.4
ANDHRA PRADESH	0.2	1.1
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	5.4	6.8
ASSAM	6.2	8.2
BIHAR	8.9	25.9
CHANDIGARH	0.0	0.4
CHHATTISGARH	1.8	5.3
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU	1.6	3.1
DELHI	0.0	0.6
GOA	0.8	1.1
GUJARAT	0.1	4.2
HARYANA	1.2	4.7
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0.0	0.6
JAMMU & KASHMIR	1.6	3.2
JHARKHAND	0.9	9.0
KARNATAKA	1.7	2.7
KERALA	0.0	0.0
LADAKH	4.3	5.8
LAKSHADWEEP	2.3	3.1
MADHYA PRADESH	1.0	6.7
MAHARASHTRA	0.0	0.6
MANIPUR	4.5	3.5
MEGHALAYA	7.5	12.4
MIZORAM	3.5	5.9
NAGALAND	4.5	5.8
ODISHA	0.0	2.0
PUDUCHERRY	1.2	1.4
PUNJAB	0.1	2.6
RAJASTHAN	7.6	6.8
SIKKIM	2.6	4.9
TAMILNADU	0.0	0.0
TELANGANA	0.0	0.0
TRIPURA	0.5	4.1
UTTAR PRADESH	2.2	4.0
UTTARAKHAND	0.0	1.5
WEST BENGAL	0.0	0.0
INDIA	1.9	5.2

Source: UDISE+ 2023-24

