

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 178
ANSWERED ON 01/12/2025

Construction of Girls' Toilets under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan

178. Shri Tharaniventhan M S:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made provisions under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan for the construction of girls' toilets and access to drinking water in schools;
- (b) if so, the funds allocated for the construction of girls' toilets and drinking water facilities in schools under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan within Tamil Nadu so far;
- (c) the details of the number of schools that have benefited from the provision of girls' toilets and drinking water facilities under the scheme so far;
- (d) the measures being taken/to be taken by the Government to ensure that all schools, particularly in rural and remote areas, have adequate infrastructure for girls' toilets and drinking water facilities; and
- (e) the details of impact of these provisions on the enrolment, retention and overall performance of girls in schools?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e): The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education is implementing Samagra Shiksha from 2018-19 to support States and UTs for strengthening of existing Government schools and for creation and augmentation of infrastructure facilities including separate toilets for girls, based on the gaps determined from Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE+) and proposals received from respective State/ Union Territory. The need for schools and also the infrastructural facilities in schools including separate toilets for boys and girls are worked out every year by the respective State/Union Territory on incremental basis depending on their need and priority and reflected in their Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B). These plans are then appraised and approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in the Department of School Education & Literacy in consultation with the States and Union Territories.

Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education had launched Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative (SVI), in partnership with Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Private Corporates, to provide separate toilets for girls and boys in all Government schools. Under the initiative, 4,17,796 toilets, including 1.91 lakh girls' toilets, were completed in 2,61,400 Government Elementary and Secondary schools.

Further, this Department in convergence with Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs is working to provide 100% availability of separate functional girls' toilets and providing drinking water facilities in all Government and Government aided schools across the country.

An amount of Rs. 9884.33 lakh has been allocated for construction of 3888 Girls' toilets and Rs. 936.06 lakh has been allocated for provision of drinking water facilities in 831 Schools to the State of Tamil Nadu from 2018-19 to 2025-26.

As per UDISE+ 2024-25, 97.1% of Government & Government Aided Schools have Girls' toilets and 99.3% Schools have Drinking Water Facilities across the Country. The State-wise details has been enclosed at Annexure.

The initiatives taken by the Government of India under Samagra Shiksha for ensuring availability of functional girls' toilets and access to safe drinking water in schools have a positive impact on girls' education across the country. The sustained focus on strengthening school infrastructure has contributed significantly to, improved Enrolment of Girls; Higher Retention and Reduction in Dropouts and Enhanced Learning Outcomes and Participation of Girls' Students in Schools. The Gender Parity Index of Gross enrolment ratio of 1.0 for Foundational Stage; 1.0 for Preparatory Stage; 1.0 for Middle Stage and 1.1 for Secondary Stage in 2024-25 is indicating no difference in enrolment of girls & boys.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 178 ANSWERED ON 01st DECEMBER, 2025 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI THARANIVENTHAN M S REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF GIRLS' TOILETS UNDER SAMAGRA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

State/ UTs	Government & Government Aided Schools with facility of	
	Girls Toilets (%)	Drinking Water (%)
India	97.1	99.3
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	100.0	100.0
Andhra Pradesh	98.9	100.0
Arunachal Pradesh	89.5	91.1
Assam	98.2	98.9
Bihar	98.7	99.8
Chandigarh	100.0	100.0
Chhattisgarh	94.7	99.4
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	99.7	100.0
Delhi	100.0	100.0
Goa	100.0	100.0
Gujarat	98.5	99.9
Haryana	99.8	100.0
Himachal Pradesh	99.4	100.0
Jammu and Kashmir	90.2	99.6
Jharkhand	98.4	99.1
Karnataka	98.9	99.9
Kerala	99.7	99.9
Ladakh	91.2	98.6
Lakshadweep	100.0	100.0
Madhya Pradesh	97.5	99.5
Maharashtra	97.0	99.8
Manipur	79.2	99.7
Meghalaya	84.4	72.7
Mizoram	86.1	94.1
Nagaland	88.6	88.0
Odisha	99.0	100.0
Puducherry	100.0	100.0
Punjab	99.2	100.0
Rajasthan	94.3	99.0
Sikkim	98.4	99.9
Tamil Nadu	94.8	99.7
Telangana	94.0	99.4
Tripura	91.2	97.4
Uttar Pradesh	97.3	99.8
Uttarakhand	97.9	99.2
West Bengal	99.7	99.9

Source: UDISE+ 2024-25