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Odisha has highest dropout rate at secondary school level
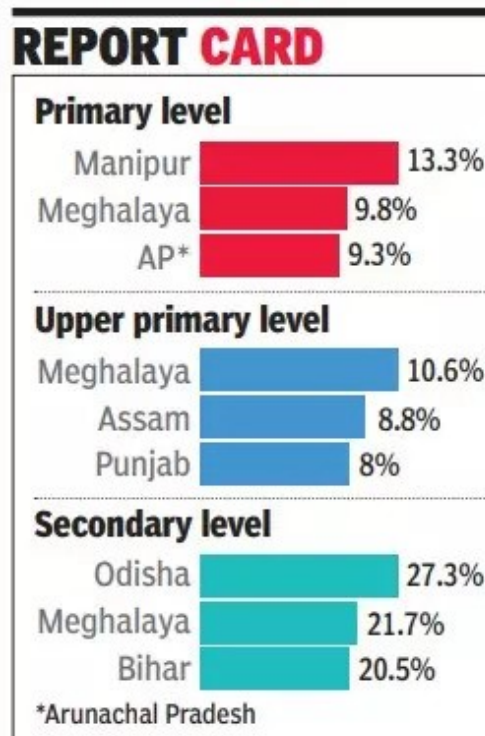
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NEW DELHI: Odisha (27.3%) has the highest dropout rate at secondary school level followed by Meghalaya (21.7%), Bihar (20.5%), and Assam (20.3%).

While the all India dropout rate at this stage of schooling is 12.6%, states like West Bengal, Punjab, Nagaland, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh have dropout rates of over 15%.

The figures were cited in the Rajya Sabha by the ministry of education as it shared the data for Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) and state-wise data on the transition and dropout rate at elementary, secondary, and senior secondary school levels on Wednesday.

At the secondary school level the states which have dropout rate higher than 15% include Andhra Pradesh (16.3%), Gujarat (17.9%), Punjab (17.2%) and West Bengal (18%). At primary school level, the highest dropout rate is in Manipur (13.3%) followed by Meghalaya (9.8%) and Arunachal Pradesh (9.3%).

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Primary level

State	Rate
Manipur	13.3%
Meghalaya	9.8%
AP*	9.3%

Upper primary level

State	Rate
Meghalaya	10.6%
Assam	8.8%
Punjab	8%

Secondary level

State	Rate
Odisha	27.3%
Meghalaya	21.7%
Bihar	20.5%

*Arunachal Pradesh

Similarly at upper primary level, the highest dropout rate is in Meghalaya (10.6%) followed by Assam (8.8%) and Punjab (8%).

The data shared in Parliament is as per the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL)'s Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) system developed to record data on various indicators of school education provided by all the states and Union Territories.