



AKHIL BHARATIYA VIDYARTHI PARISHAD

Central Office: 3, Marble Arch, Senapati Bapat Marg, Matunga Road (W.R.) Stn. Mahim, Mumbai - 16.

Tel.: (022) 2430632 / 2437886 Fax: 24313938 E-mail: abvpkendra@gmail.com

Date: 15th March 2023

-: Press Release: -

Odisha govt should wake up from its 'Kumbhkarni sleep' and must take immediate cognizance of an increasing number of dropout cases among school students: ABVP

Odisha government is not serious about the future of students dropping out of schools: ABVP

Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad is very concerned about the increasing number of class 10th students dropping out of school. According to data accumulated from various sources, the number of students from different classes dropping out of school has been increasing drastically in the state over the years. The indifferent behavior of the Odisha government on this serious issue is unfortunate and highly condemnable.

ABVP's stance is clear that education should be affordable and easily accessible to every student coming from all sections of society and quality education should be ensured for all. ABVP demands that the state government and other stakeholders should take appropriate steps in this direction with immediate effect. The high number of school dropout students in Odisha's Balasore, Kalahandi, Cuttack and various other districts is very worrisome. In 2022, around 44000 students didn't participate in the matriculation examination in Odisha, which is the highest number till date. ABVP demands that the Odisha government should take concrete steps in the right direction with utmost urgency to address this glaring issue.

ABVP National General Secretary Yagyavalkya Shukla said, "Increasing number of school dropout students in Odisha is a very serious issue. It is unfortunate that the ministers from the Odisha government are trying to run away from addressing this serious issue by giving vague excuses. A large number of the school dropout students in Odisha come from the scheduled tribe category. Odisha government should take every possible step to stop the students from leaving school campuses. ABVP strongly demands that the state government should sincerely investigate the appropriate reason behind this burning issue and take adequate steps to fix it as soon as possible."

Odisha's ABVP State Secretary Arijit Patnayak said, "Odisha government has proved to be a complete failure in addressing issues such as the increasing number of child marriages in the state, increasing number of child labourers and the increase in impediments to economic growth. Odisha government has failed to stop the rampant corruption in the mid-day meal program and the issue related to admission fees is creating fresh challenges in front of the students and youth of the state. Odisha's government will have to focus on the ground realities rather than making false claims and ensure the re-admission of those students who have dropped out of school. It should also ensure quality education in schools at all costs to stop such dropouts from happening in the future"

(This Press Release has been issued by Central Office Secretary Digambar Pawar)