GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1980
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2021

Digitalization of rural education

1980 Shri Digvijaya Singh:
Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:
Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

Will the Minister of ***Education*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has conducted an audit on status of digitalization of rural education system;

(b) if so, State-wise details of audit conducted on disbursement of funds under relevant digital infrastructure schemes, from March 2020 till now;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Ministry has conducted an audit on how many rural schools have been digitalized and made operational i.e. they are equipped with an internet connection, computers/hand-held devices, webcams and other instruments to aid online learning and

(e) if so, State-wise details of audit conducted on disbursement of funds under relevant digital infrastructure schemes, from March 2020 till now?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c) Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools, colleges and universities are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. The state governments have been advised to act based on the situation prevailing at every place to meet the demands of students for digital access and learning. The Central Government is constantly advising States/UTs through guidelines and meetings with respect to interventions for reducing impact of pandemic on education across the nation.

(d) and (e) Central government maintains UDISE data on certain parameters for all states/UTs, such as number of ICT labs, Internet connectivity, etc. As per UDISE data of 2019-20, a total of 65,356 ICT Labs and 29,178 digital classrooms are there in schools and a total of 1,19,581 schools across the country are there with internet facility.

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