

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 119
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022

INTRODUCTION OF PM SHRI SCHOOLS

119. SHRI JOHN BRITTAS:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government wants to introduce PM Shri schools in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of schools proposed in the country, State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the funds allocated/targeted for the scheme?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 119 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27/07/2022 REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF PM SHRI SCHOOLS ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI JOHN BRITTAS

(a) to (d): The Finance Minister in her Budget Speech on 01.02.2021 has announced to qualitatively strengthen more than 15,000 schools from across the country to include all components of the National Education Policy, 2020. The objective is to develop them as exemplar schools in their regions, handholding and mentoring other schools to achieve the ideals of the policy.

Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. However, Department of School Education & Literacy runs a flagship programme called Samagra Shiksha for improving quality of school education. The thrust of Samagra Shiksha is now focussed on achieving the goals and objectives of NEP 2020. Samagra Shiksha Scheme provides for hub and spoke model for providing excellence in education through formation of clusters of schools. It focuses on improvement in quality of education by providing support for different interventions to all States and UTs, like in-service training of teachers and school heads, conduct of achievement surveys at state and national level, composite school grant to every school for providing a conducive learning environment, grants for library, sports and physical activities, support for Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan, ICT and digital initiatives, School Leadership development programme, remedial teaching for academically weaker students, support for Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat, etc.

Following initiatives have also been taken by the Department of School Education and Literacy, MoE to improve the quality of school education:

- i. National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat) has been launched under Samagra Shiksha for ensuring that every child in the country necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) by the end of Grade 3, and e-content for the same has been released in DIKSHA platform.
- ii. NISHTHA integrated training programme 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0 Integrated Teacher Training Programme has been introduced for different stages of school education for Teachers, Head Teachers/Principals and other stakeholders in Educational Management.
- iii. Learning Outcomes for the Secondary level have been notified.
- iv. VIDYA PRAVESH—Guidelines for Three-month Play-based School Preparation Module for Grade-I Children have been released on 29th July 2021 to ensure that all children are exposed to a warm and welcoming environment when they enter Grade-I.
- v. PM e Vidya- A multi model intervention for providing digital education through online, TV and radio modes.
