

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

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1947
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022

Planning to construct ‘PM Shri Schools’

1947. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ‘PM Shri Schools’;
- (b) whether Government is planning to construct 15,000 PM Shri schools, as announced, in addition to the Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs), if so, State-wise details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) what is the Central Government future expansion policy in respect of Kendriya Vidyalayas, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c): 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.

(d) Opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) is a continuous process. KVs are opened primarily to cater to the educational needs of the wards of transferable Central Government Employees including Defence & Para-military personnel, Central Autonomous Bodies, Central Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Central Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) by providing a common programme of education throughout the country. Proposals for opening of new KVs are considered only if sponsored by Ministries or Departments of the Government of India/State Governments/Union Territories Administrations and committing resources for setting up a new KV.

The proposals received from various sponsoring authorities found fulfilling the mandatory pre-requisites for opening of new KVs have to compete with other such proposals under the “challenge Method” and is subject to approval of the competent authority.
