

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 25**

ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022

**CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME OF SAMAGRA SHIKSHA AND PM  
POSHAN IN WEST BENGAL**

**25. SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI:**

Will the MINISTER OF EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha and PM POSHAN being implemented/funds utilized/work done in West Bengal, district-wise;

(b) whether any special schemes/projects are being implemented under the Samagra Shiksha and PM POSHAN in hilly districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNAPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c): The Department of School Education and Literacy with effect from 2018-19 has launched an Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education-Samagra Shiksha. The scheme has now been aligned with the recommendations of NEP 2020 to ensure that all children have access to quality education with an equitable and inclusive classroom environment which should take care of their diverse background, multilingual needs, different academic abilities and make them active participants in the learning process.

The major objectives of the Scheme are: (i) Support States and UTs in implementing the recommendations of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020); (ii) Support States in implementation of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009; (iii) Focus on Early Childhood Care and Education; (iv) Emphasis on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, (v) Thrust on Holistic, Integrated, Inclusive and activity based Curriculum and Pedagogy to impart 21<sup>st</sup> century skills among the students; (vi) Provision of quality education and enhancing learning outcomes of students; (vii) Bridging Social and Gender Gaps in School Education; (viii) Ensuring equity and inclusion at all levels of school education; (ix) Strengthening and up-gradation of State Councils for Educational Research and Training (SCERTs)/State Institutes of Education and District Institutes for Education and Training (DIET) as nodal agency for teacher training; (x) Ensuring safe, secure and conducive learning environment and maintenance of standards in schooling provisions and (xi) Promoting vocational education.

Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) earlier known as the National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools is one of the foremost rights based Centrally

Sponsored Schemes under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA). The objectives of the Scheme are to address two of the pressing problems for majority of children in India, viz. hunger and education by improving (i) the nutritional status of eligible children in Government and Government aided schools (ii) encouraging poor children, belonging to disadvantaged sections, to attend school more regularly and help them concentrate on classroom activities and (iii) providing nutritional support to children of elementary stage in drought-affected and disaster affected areas during summer vacation.

District-wise details of expenditures under Samagra Shiksha and PM POSHAN for the year 2021-22 are at Annexure.

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ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 25 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022 ASKED BY SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME OF SAMAGRA SHIKSHA AND PM POSHAN IN WEST BENGAL

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No	Districts	Expenditure of fund during 2021- 22	
		Samagra Shiksha	PM-POSHAN
1	Alipurduar	4993.27	3234.17
2	Bankura	12438.35	9250.21
3	Birbhum	6841.95	10533
4	Purba Bardhaman	15656.27	10906.9
5	Cooch Behar	6715.88	8004.32
6	Dakshin Dinajpur	2587.23	4354.64
7	Uttar Dinajpur	8110.39	9306.51
8	Darjeeling	2173.11	829.51
9	Hooghly	6439.03	10584.9
10	Howrah	7281.55	9142.87
11	Jalpaiguri	6859.49	5600.38
12	Kolkata	3322.07	4481.82
13	Malda	11599.51	12793.2
14	Murshidabad	22774.27	23803.7
15	Purba Medinipur	12827.52	13173.4
16	Paschim Medinipur	15930.29	12384.5
17	Nadia	13104.81	11314.5
18	North 24 Pgs.	13635.13	17984.5
19	South 24 Pgs.	16492.86	22069
20	Purulia	6211.14	8662.13
21	Siliguri	4103.72	2034.5
22	Paschim Bardhaman	153.24	4846.84
23	Jhargram	5388.39	3401.07
24	Kalimpong	808.15	486.21
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>206447.63</b>	<b>219183</b>