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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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NEW UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

2404 # DR. ANIL JAIN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of new universities and colleges that have been established during the tenure of the Central Government so far;
- (b) the total number of students in higher education increased during the tenure of the Central Government so far;
- (c) the number of schools that are being developed and upgraded under the PM SHRI scheme that was launched by the present Prime Minister; and
- (d) the facilities that are being provided to the schools under this scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), the number of Universities registered has increased to 1,113 in 2020-21 from 760 in 2014-15, which is an increase of 353. Similarly, the number of registered Colleges has increased by 5,298 to 43,796 in 2020-21 as compared to 38,498 in 2014-15.

(b) As per AISHE 2020-21, the enrolment of students in Higher Education has increased to 4,13,80,713 in 2020-21 from 3,42,11,637 in 2014-15, which is an increase of 21%.

(c) & (d) The Cabinet has approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme named Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) on 7th September, 2022. These schools envisages to showcase the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 and emerge as exemplar schools over a period of time, and also offer leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood. They will provide leadership in their respective regions in providing high-quality education in an equitable, inclusive and joyful school environment that takes care of the diverse background, multilingual needs, and different academic abilities of children and makes them active participants in their own learning process as per the vision of NEP 2020.

Under the scheme there is provision of setting up of more than **14500 PM SHRI** Schools by strengthening the existing schools from amongst schools managed by Central Government/State/UT Government/Local Bodies.

The major interventions in the PM SHRI Scheme, for modern transformation and holistic method of imparting education are:

1. Quality and Innovation (Learning Enhancement Programme, Holistic Progress Card, Innovative Pedagogies, Bagless days, Internships with Local artisans, Capacity building etc.)
2. Beneficiary oriented Entitlements under Right to Education (RTE) Act
3. Annual School Grants (Composite School grants, Library grant, Sports grant)
4. Early Childhood Care and Education including Balvatika and Foundational Literacy and Numeracy
5. Equity and Inclusion including provision of safe and appropriate infrastructure for girls and Children With Special Needs (CWSN)
6. Encouraging flexibility in choice of subjects offered to students
7. Encouraging mother tongue as medium of instruction using technological interventions to help bridge language barriers between teachers and students
8. ICT, smart classrooms and digital libraries for using digital pedagogy
9. Strengthening of existing infrastructure
10. Vocational interventions and enhancing internship/entrepreneurship opportunities especially with local industry. Mapping of skills with developmental projects/nearby industry and develop courses/curriculum accordingly
