

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 213  
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

**Internet access in Government schools for Digital Education**

**213 Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) the percentage of Government schools that have access to a functional internet connection, State-wise and year-wise during last three years;
- (b) whether there exists any scheme to improve internet access in Government schools;
- (c) if so, progress made so far, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there exist any scheme to provide financial assistance for the provision of digital education; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA  
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SANJAY RAUT, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING INTERNET  
ACCESS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS FOR DIGITAL EDUCATION**

(a): State/UT-wise percentage of Government schools having internet connectivity as per UDISE+ from 2019-20 to 2021-22 is given at **Annexure**.

(b) & (c): Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the administrative control of respective State Government and UT Administration. An advisory has been issued by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of India to all the States and UTs to enter into an MoU/ Agreement with BSNL and provide FTTH Internet connection to all the Government Schools which have computing devices. States/ UTs have been advised that the Internet Charges can be met from the following:

- For ICT Labs / Smart Class rooms sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha, internet charges can be met from the recurring charges being released under Samagra Shiksha.
- For Schools in which ICT / Smart Class room are not sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha and which have computing devices, internet Charges can be met from the Management monitoring Evaluation and Research (MMER) funds being released under Samagra Shiksha or can be met from any other State/UT Government funds.

(d) & (e): ICT and Digital Initiatives component of centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha covers Government and Aided Schools having classes VI to XII. Under this component financial assistance is provided for establishing ICT Lab and Smart Classrooms in schools.

Under Samagra Shiksha for ICT Labs, a non-recurring grant of up to Rs. 6.40 lakh per school and recurring grant of upto Rs. 2.40 lakh per school per annum for a period of 5 years is provided. From 2023-24, the scheme also offers step-wise funding based on school enrolment. (Strength < 100 Rs. 2.5 Lakhs, Strength between 100 – 250 Rs. 4.5 Lakhs, Strength between 250 – 700 Rs. 6.4 Lakhs). For Smart Classrooms, non-recurring grant for Smart Class rooms (2 smart classrooms per school) is of Rs. 2.40 lakh and the recurring grant is Rs. 0.38 lakh (including E Content and Digital Resources, Charges for Electricity).

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**Statement showing State/UT-wise percentage of Government schools with Internet connection/facilities**

State/UT	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	19.9	26.6	38.9
ANDHRA PRADESH	9.1	8.8	45.0
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	3.4	3.8	15.3
ASSAM	4.3	4.8	10.3
BIHAR	2.1	2.2	5.9
CHANDIGARH	100.0	100.0	100.0
CHHATTISGARH	3.4	8.5	33.8
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	14.7	27.0	50.0
DAMAN & DIU	70.6		
DELHI	88.2	89.8	100.0
GOA	8.5	8.5	36.7
GUJARAT	66.9	72.4	94.2
HARYANA	19.9	21.2	29.8
HIMACHAL PRADESH	14.0	14.2	27.1
JAMMU & KASHMIR	5.2	5.3	22.3
JHARKHAND	30.3	28.8	33.6
KARNATAKA	7.7	6.1	10.7
KERALA	87.6	87.2	94.6
LADAKH	1.9	56.7	40.8
LAKSHADWEEP	93.3	93.3	97.4
MADHYA PRADESH	3.8	4.1	17.8
MAHARASHTRA	10.9	11.8	28.2
MANIPUR	2.4	2.8	11.8
MEGHALAYA	1.3	1.3	14.3
MIZORAM	2.4	4.3	6.0
NAGALAND	3.0	3.5	43.4
ODISHA	2.7	2.8	8.1
PUDUCHERRY	42.7	94.8	100.0
PUNJAB	35.2	99.6	46.8
RAJASTHAN	24.1	28.0	53.5
SIKKIM	13.2	13.6	26.7
TAMIL NADU	18.0	18.0	24.7
TELANGANA	8.0	8.2	9.2
TRIPURA	1.6	2.8	16.0
UTTAR PRADESH	2.9	3.0	8.8
UTTARAKHAND	6.4	6.3	15.6
WEST BENGAL	9.7	10.3	15.5
	<b>11.6</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>24.2</b>

Source: UDISE+