

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Scheme to develop green schools

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

- (a) whether Government has approved any scheme to develop green schools equipped with solar panels, LED lights, waste management and water conservation facilities along with providing high-quality education, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of schools where said Scheme will be implemented in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and target set for the State of Uttar Pradesh under the said Scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Cabinet has approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme named Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) on 7th September, 2022. These schools showcase the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and emerge as exemplar schools over a period of time, and also offer leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood.

One of the important aspect of these schools is the concept of Green Schools incorporating environment friendly aspects like Energy efficiency using solar panels and LED lightings, nutrition gardens with natural farming, waste management, plastic free, water conservation and harvesting, study of traditions/practises related to protection of environment, climate change related hackathons and awareness generation to incorporate organic lifestyle.

(b) & (c) In the first phase of selection of PM SHRI Schools, a total of 928 schools were selected from State of Uttar Pradesh. In the Project Approval Board of PM SHRI Schools an amount of Rs. 404.98 crore (Rs.242.99 crore as Central Share + Rs. 161.99 crore as State Share) has been approved for the financial year 2023-24.
