RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 510
ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024

SMART CLASS SYSTEMS IN KENDRIYA VIDYALAYAS

510   SHRI C. Ve. SHANMUGAM:

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

(a)   whether Government proposed to set up Smart Class Systems in Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country;

(b)   if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c)   the details of smart class systems set up in Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(d)   the quantum of funds allocated and utilised for smart classes under various schemes in the last three years, State-wise;

(e)   whether Government has conducted any study on to the coverage and functionality of smart classes in the country; and

(f)   if so, the details thereof and the findings of the said study?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Setting up of smart class system in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) is a continuous process which depends upon various factors such as opening of new schools, addition of higher classes, availability of funds, availability of Internet connectivity etc.

(c) & (d) As per information received from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), there are 549 number of smart class systems (e-classrooms) in 45 KVs functioning in the State of Tamil Nadu. State/UT-wise details of funds utilized for setting up of smart class systems (e-classrooms) in KVs during the last two years i.e. 2021-22 and 2022-23 are annexed.

(e) & (f) The National Education Policy 2020 calls for investment in digital infrastructure, online teaching platforms and tools, virtual labs, digital repositories, online assessments, technology and pedagogy for online teaching-learning etc., for which various initiatives have been taken. For school education, digital literacy programs to students, teachers and all stakeholders have been extended with necessary funding. The key challenges or limitation faced in implementing digital interventions such as Smart Class are of Capacity Building of teachers, Infrastructure setup, Uninterrupted internet connectivity etc. A comprehensive initiative called PM e-VIDYA was initiated as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan on 17th May, 2020, which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education. The PM e-VIDYA initiative are available to all the students across all the States free of cost. The key components of PM e-VIDYA includes DIKSHA for providing quality e-content, PM e-VIDYA DTH TV Channels for school education in States/UTs, extensive use of Radio, Community Radio and CBSE Podcast- Shiksha Vani, etc.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 510 RAISED BY SHRI C. Ve. SHANMUGAM, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/02/2024 REGARDING "SMART CLASS SYSTEMS IN KENDRIYA VIDYALAYAS".

STATE/UT-WISE DETAILS OF FUNDS UTILIZED FOR SMART CLASS SYSTEM IN KVs DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS

S. No.	Name of State/UT	Funds utilized for setting up Smart Class System in KVs (Rs. in Lakhs)	
		Year 2021-22	Year 2022-23
1.	Andhra Pradesh	27.90	24.39
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	195.28	362.23
3.	Assam	544.01	1431.48
4.	Bihar	139.49	250.77
5.	Delhi	27.90	69.66
6.	Goa	41.85	27.87
7.	Gujarat	27.90	52.25
8.	Haryana	27.90	13.94
9.	Himachal Pradesh	13.95	0
10.	Jharkhand	97.64	170.67
11.	Karnataka	223.18	550.3
12.	Kerala	292.93	613
13.	Madhya Pradesh	139.49	299.53
14.	Maharashtra	278.98	828.94
15.	Manipur	83.69	156.74
16.	Meghalaya	13.95	3.49
17.	Mizoram	13.95	24.39
18.	Odisha	27.90	3.49
19.	Puducherry	27.90	52.25
20.	Punjab	13.95	52.25
21.	Rajasthan	320.82	553.79
22.	Sikkim	13.95	0
23.	Tamil Nadu	27.90	59.21
24.	Telangana	153.44	390.09
25.	Tripura	13.95	6.97
26.	Uttar Pradesh	613.75	1194.64
27.	Uttarakhand	97.64	87.08
28.	West Bengal	362.67	766.24

No fund had been utilized in the year 2020-21 to set up smart class systems in KVs during Covid-19 Pandemic.

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