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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1785
ANSWERED ON 11/12/2024

Internet facilities in schools under Digital India initiative

1785 **Shri S Niranjan Reddy:**

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

(a) the number of Government schools that currently have internet access, including Wi-Fi, broadband or other internet facilities, the details thereof, State-wise/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government plans to extend internet services on a larger scale to all Government schools, particularly in rural areas, through projects like BharatNet and Wi-Fi Chaupals, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any plan to roll out internet access in Government schools across the country under the 'Digital India' initiative, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SH. JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a):   As per UDISE+2021-22, the State-wise/UT-wise details of Government schools having internet connection are at **Annexure.**

(b) and (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.

For internet connectivity, 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 Smart Classroom 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.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1785 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI S NIRANJAN REDDY REGARDING "INTERNET FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS UNDER DIGITAL INDIA INITIATIVE"

The State/UT wise details of the Government schools having internet connection

State/UTs Name	Government Management	
	Total Schools	**Schools having Internet Connections**
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	342	133
Andhra Pradesh	45137	20313
Arunachal Pradesh	2985	458
Assam	45490	4680
Bihar	75558	4421
Chandigarh	123	123
Chhattisgarh	48743	16469
DND – DNH	388	194
Delhi	2762	2762
Goa	814	299
Gujarat	34699	32681
Haryana	14562	4345
Himachal Pradesh	15380	4175
Jammu & Kashmir	23173	5169
Jharkhand	35840	12052
Karnataka	49679	5308
Kerala	5010	4738
Ladakh	838	342
Lakshadweep	38	37
Madhya Pradesh	92695	16469
Maharashtra	65639	18540
Manipur	2889	340
Meghalaya	7783	1111
Mizoram	2563	153
Nagaland	1960	850
Odisha	49072	3970
Puducherry	422	422
Punjab	19259	9013
Rajasthan	68948	36889
Sikkim	864	231
Tamil Nādu	37636	9292
Telangana	30023	2772
Tripura	4262	682
Uttar Pradesh	137024	12074
Uttarakhand	16484	2575
West Bengal	83302	12918
INDIA	**1022386**	**247000**
Source: UDISE+ 2021-22		