

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**Star Scheme**

2604 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) the features of the Star Scheme launched by Government;
- (b) the criteria set for availing the benefits under this scheme;
- (c) whether this scheme been implemented in all the States of the country;
- (d) if so, the total number of students benefited from it in the country as on date; and
- (e) if not, the States in which this scheme been implemented as on date and the time limit set for implementing this scheme across the country?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Program is being implemented as a centrally sponsored scheme in six states namely Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Kerala over a period of 5 years, i.e., from F.Y. 2020-21 to F.Y. 2024-25. The project envisages improving student outcomes in the selected States and the governance of school education the selected States. Aligned with the Government of India's Samagra Shiksha scheme, STARS is supporting the operationalization of key tenets of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The targeted beneficiaries of the project are the children from the age of 3 to 18 years (pre-school to class XII) Education institutions and Teachers. While role of Central Government is to provide policy guidelines, release Central Share as per norms of the Scheme and overall monitoring of the Scheme. States are responsible for actual implementation of the Scheme, provide their share of funds for the Scheme and own and monitor its implementation on ground. With a view to help the States in effective implementation, guidelines have been devised for implementing various

interventions of the Scheme. In addition, Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) have been devised for every component.

The STARS Program has two results areas: a national component that supports efforts to improve overall monitoring and measurement activities in the Indian school education system and a state component with five sub-components. The program offers flexibility to the six states to choose from among, and within, a set of five sub-components depending on their state-specific context, reform agenda and needs.

(c) to (e): STARS scheme is currently being implemented in 6 States (Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Kerala) and set to conclude in December 2025. A total number of 3,32,13,075 students have benefitted under STARS Project in these 6 States.