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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2605**  
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**Lack of infrastructure at Government schools**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey to assess the infrastructure in Government schools across the country, such as functional drinking water facilities, toilets, and ramps, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that only 44 per cent of Government schools have computer infrastructure and 34 per cent have functional internet connections, if so, the reasons behind the low coverage of Government schools with digital infrastructure; and
- (c) whether Government has estimated the number of Government schools, especially primary and upper primary schools that do not have playgrounds, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)**

(a): The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education has developed the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) system to record data on indicators of school education provided by all the States and Union Territories. As per UDISE+ 2021-22, Percentage of Government schools having functional drinking water, girl's toilets, boy's toilets, and ramps are as under:

Location	Percentage of Government schools having			
	Functional Drinking Water	Girl's toilets	Boy's toilets	Ramps
India	96.1	97.4	95.5	82.2

(b): As per UDISE+ 2021-22, out of the total number of Government schools 3,85,424 schools have computer facility and 2,47,000 schools have internet facility. Further, 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. The Department of School Education and Literacy is implementing Samagra Shiksha- an Integrated Scheme for School Education from 2018-19. Samagra Shiksha is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre- school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education. Samagra Shiksha is implemented in partnership with all the States and UTs and financial assistance is provided to all States and UTs. Like other components of Samagra Shiksha, the funds for ICT and Digital initiatives are released to State/UTs based on the proposal submitted by them in the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B). 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.

ICT and Digital Initiatives component 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. 1,42,745 ICT Labs and 1,30,536 Smart Classrooms have been approved in the Government and Government Aided Schools since its inception. The non-recurring/recurring grant under 'ICT and Digital Initiatives' is available to the States and UTs for following two options:

i. Option 1: Under this option schools which have not availed the ICT facility earlier can either opt for ICT or smart classrooms as per their requirement and need. In case of more than 700 enrolment, an additional ICT lab can also be considered. States/UTs have flexibility to procure hardware such as tablets/ laptops/notebooks/integrated teaching learning devices and open source operating system as well as Hardware, Software, training and resource support. This would include support for digital boards, smart classrooms, virtual classrooms and DTH channels on pro-rata basis for number of schools approved.

ii. Option II: Under this option schools which have already availed the ICT facility earlier can avail smart classrooms/tablets as per the norms of the scheme.

(c): As per UDISE+ 2021-22, Percentage of Government schools having playground at different level of education are as under:

Percentage of Government schools having	Level of education			
	Primary	Upper primary	Secondary	Higher Secondary
Playground	68.5	75.9	85.6	88.1

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