

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2612
ANSWERED ON- 18/12/2024

Quality of education at Primary Level

2612. Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being run by Government to improve quality of education at primary level along with augmentation of infrastructure in primary schools in the country, scheme-wise;
- (b) the details of fund allocated, released and utilised during 2023-24 and 2024-25 till date, scheme-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the details of percentage of primary schools covered under internet infrastructure/facility in the country as on date, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a): The details of schemes being run by Government to improve quality of education at primary level are as follows-

Samagra Shiksha

The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L) is implementing an integrated centrally sponsored scheme for School Education- Samagra Shiksha since 2018-19. It aims to ensure that all children have access to quality education with an equitable and inclusive classroom environment which should take care of their diverse background, multilingual needs, difference academic abilities and make them active participants in the learning process. Under the Scheme, support is provided to States and UTs for strengthening of existing Government schools and for creation and augmentation of infrastructure facilities, based on the gaps determined from Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE+) and proposals received from respective States/ Union Territories. Financial assistance is provided to all the States and UTs for undertaking various activities for Universalization of School Education including opening/strengthening of new schools upto senior secondary level, construction of school buildings & additional classrooms, setting up, up-gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, setting up and running of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, setting up of hostels under PM JANMAN for unserved PVTG habitations covered, setting up of hostels under DAJGUA scheme for unserved ST habitations covered, provision of free uniforms, free text books to the eligible students at elementary level, transport allowance and undertaking enrolment & retention drives.

Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN)

Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented in partnership with States and UTs providing one hot cooked and nutritious meal to the eligible children. This Scheme is implemented across the country covers 11.70 crore children of Balvatika (just before class I) and Classes I-VIII studying in 10.24 lakh Government and Government-Aided Schools. The objectives of the Scheme are to address two of the pressing problems for majority of children in India, viz. hunger and education by:

- i. Improving the nutritional status of children studying in Bal Vatika (just before class I) and classes I–VIII in Government and Government-Aided Schools without any discrimination.
- ii. Encouraging poor children, belonging to disadvantaged sections, to attend school more regularly and help them concentrate on classroom activities.
- iii. Providing nutritional support to children of elementary stage in drought / disaster affected areas during summer vacation and disaster times.

The overall responsibility for smooth functioning of the scheme including providing hot cooked and nutritious meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The Government of India has issued detailed guidelines on quality, safety and hygiene to ensure serving of good quality meal under the Scheme to all the States/UTs. These guidelines are available on official website <https://pmposhan.education.gov.in>

Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PMSHRI)

PM SHRI scheme aims to establish over 14,500 exemplar schools by strengthening existing schools managed by Central/State/UT Governments and local bodies, including KVS and NVS. These schools are to showcase all the initiatives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and emerge as exemplar schools. A total of 12,084 schools have been selected under the PM SHRI scheme, including 1,329 primary schools, 3,340 elementary schools, 2,921 secondary schools, and 4,494 senior secondary schools.

The scheme has various provisions to improve the quality of education at the primary level, including non-recurring grants for BaLA features, child-friendly furniture, and outdoor play materials. It also includes recurring grants for teaching-learning materials (TLM) such as worksheets/workbooks, toys, puzzles, board games, storybooks, and art and craft materials. Additionally, the usage of Jaadui Pitara is promoted to encourage play-based learning and creativity in students.

The scheme emphasizes experiential learning through art, sports, and toy-based pedagogies. It includes provisions for competency-based assessments and the implementation of Holistic Progress Cards (HPC) to track student progress across cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains. The scheme also promotes the implementation of three-month school readiness module for Grade 1 students, focusing on play-based activities and regular assessments.

There is a provision of Teacher Resource Materials such as manuals and activity handbooks for teachers to align their innovative pedagogies with learning outcomes and grade level competencies. All the above initiatives aim to create an inclusive, high-quality, and stimulating learning environment for all students at the primary level under the PM SHRI scheme.

(b): The details of State wise fund released and utilised under the Samagra Shiksha scheme during 2023-24 and 2024-25 till date, are at **Annexure-I**.

The details of State wise fund released and utilised under the PM-POSHAN scheme during 2023-24 and 2024-25 till date, are at **Annexure-II**.

The details of State wise fund released and utilised under the PM-SHRI scheme during 2023-24 and 2024-25 till date, are at **Annexure-III**.

(c): The details of percentage of primary schools covered under internet infrastructure/facility in the country as on date, State-wise are at **Annexure-IV**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2612 ANSWER ON 18.12.2024 ASKED BY SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "QUALITY OF EDUCATION AT PRIMARY LEVEL"

The details of state wise fund released and utilised under Samagra Shiksha scheme during 2023-24 and 2024-25 till date are as follows:

Samagra Shiksha							
(Rs in lakhs)							
Sl. No.	Name of the State	2023-24			2024-25		
		Allocated Central Releases	Central Release upto 31.3.2024	Expenditure including State share as per PFMS	Allocated Central Releases	Central Release as on 12.12.2024	Expenditure including State share as per PFMS as on 12.12.2024
1	A & N Islands	8689.60	5527.59	3205.53	8484.17	2501.94	2696.11
2	Andhra Pradesh	175852.87	128940.79	265099.90	172741.31	24807.62	93964.95
3	Arunachal Pradesh	57658.75	47503.50	80559.25	57658.74	13740.80	34241.25
4	Assam	257810.22	181047.53	231395.71	257810.22	94710.16	160784.50
5	Bihar	499123.47	424173.10	563593.37	499123.47	188794.34	372885.08
6	Chandigarh	13213.99	11636.46	4952.41	13720.64	5006.30	7250.05
7	Chhattisgarh	115785.13	77659.06	146607.40	115785.14	27092.84	51563.06
8	DNH and Daman & Diu	9537.23	4130.25	1792.84	9802.68	1952.73	2623.97
9	Delhi	36892.00	14608.83	34695.30	41104.35	8276.72	11092.04
10	Goa	2426.75	1875.43	5061.75	2426.79	1037.90	3130.76
11	Gujarat	131673.49	113253.16	211023.35	159843.72	51009.60	77429.06
12	Haryana	101074.32	57880.25	93238.02	107632.86	16664.58	51987.19
13	Himachal Pradesh	67218.82	48596.96	81863.34	75850.32	33673.31	27752.33
14	Jammu & Kashmir	172160.13	86543.89	110656.30	172160.13	20578.45	65210.25
15	Jharkhand	117386.04	110493.28	218092.48	117386.04	49567.04	105084.79
16	Karnataka	92274.51	82808.79	157895.46	92274.51	22141.08	35061.59
17	Kerala	32883.07	14165.74	43114.55	32890.20	0.00	15895.65
18	Ladakh	18248.71	5222.63	2308.69	18570.84	8998.43	5165.68
19	Lakshadweep	575.47	100.05	60.42	669.71	153.05	131.87
20	Madhya Pradesh	384207.16	298151.13	470342.61	384207.15	278367.12	291581.70
21	Maharashtra	131743.28	100119.10	237276.54	132189.99	46792.49	65448.68
22	Manipur	48304.51	25721.89	45116.18	48304.51	10591.45	9468.99
23	Meghalaya	39882.72	39418.22	66092.91	39882.71	16341.21	39922.78
24	Mizoram	34428.64	27414.06	33846.24	29418.87	14284.89	25365.76
25	Nagaland	31427.55	23125.34	30261.64	28439.24	5220.18	13861.44
26	Odisha	189520.26	123660.69	285910.35	189520.26	72475.21	153556.43
27	Puducherry	1974.29	1247.38	2643.84	1974.29	752.46	1214.54
28	Punjab	70878.25	33111.65	89647.34	70878.25	35439.13	50385.92
29	Rajasthan	356025.26	320289.45	506121.57	356025.27	71698.20	207294.41
30	Sikkim	15973.43	13260.50	11326.54	15337.00	5094.74	6407.77
31	Tamil Nadu	209076.76	187615.54	287638.01	215159.61	0.00	64220.38
32	Telangana	114834.56	92012.79	175403.52	114834.55	41274.65	56216.76
33	Tripura	41494.43	34132.90	37163.53	41494.45	19860.20	26850.79
34	Uttar Pradesh	657874.63	427645.15	842877.61	697126.18	17069.07	396963.95
35	Uttarakhand	68630.37	44056.91	70752.51	87712.68	168372.07	37502.57
36	West Bengal	174579.85	31129.40	194126.52	174579.86	0.00	113238.45
	Total	4481340.50	3238279.38	5641763.54	4583020.71	1374339.93	2683451.49

Source: PAB minutes & PFMS

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The details of state wise fund released and utilised under PM-POSHAN scheme during 2023-24 and 2024-25 till date are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2023-24			2024-25 (as on 3.12.2024)	
		PAB Allocation of Central Share	Central Assistance Released	Utilization	PAB Allocation of Central Share	Central Assistance Released
1	Andhra Pradesh	33137.14	25342.88	29901.66	31199.44	8679.52
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2952.84	2573.12	2790.04	2748.33	0.00
3	Assam	72772.9	59594.79	60594.58	88230.65	28016.37
4	Bihar	135565.68	92323.54	130154.87	139757.83	24214.09
5	Chhattisgarh	34161.24	24313.65	29132.34	35421.26	12299.79
6	Goa	1875.27	1832.31	1875.27	1878.92	1409.19
7	Gujarat	51988.8	37785.29	48182.94	51707.06	11593.85
8	Haryana	18911.17	16089.74	15546.31	17471.35	3754.28
9	Himachal Pradesh	10873.62	9435.53	9525.17	10103.6	3984.52
10	Jammu & Kashmir	14735.9	13680.88	13091.14	15323.89	3794.15
11	Jharkhand	39799.5	34202.20	35003.68	37052.5	15725.34
12	Karnataka	57261.41	55973.07	54702.00	60513.47	12703.63
13	Kerala	30321.03	24901.32	24702.67	28153.17	4847.27
14	Madhya Pradesh	63826.57	63404.21	55869.12	59788.58	28063.22
15	Maharashtra	109955.5	79372.10	66317.52	132919.97	31122.28
16	Manipur	3026.08	2459.64	3175.07	5233.19	0.00
17	Meghalaya	10456.04	10186.01	10048.24	10082.63	9607.03
18	Mizoram	2513.03	2407.96	2388.21	2396.4	595.51
19	Nagaland	2365.92	2250.44	2280.47	2175.06	509.46
20	Odisha	56874.05	51937.63	50745.83	52816.85	11062.31
21	Punjab	22672.5	19988.62	18398.75	22465.71	5799.19
22	Rajasthan	80006.45	31727.94	80535.00	59312.79	14093.36
23	Sikkim	950.22	801.45	829.41	814.13	359.06
24	Tamil Nadu	47904.29	39852.49	44619.85	44303.06	20586.73
25	Telangana	20376.25	14550.92	12896.25	16746.8	3694.02
26	Tripura	6541.91	4434.26	5834.36	5850.01	1428.55
27	Uttarakhand	13075.21	11482.42	10873.07	13533.055	4043.72
28	Uttar Pradesh	164625.06	100659.56	118721.00	137615.33	49790.83
29	West Bengal	126707.81	0.00	0.00	112715.65	0.00
30	A&N Islands	505.97	505.97	380.12	473.12	220.01
31	Chandigarh	1299.27	639.40	589.52	1201.05	548.82
32	D&N Haveli Daman & Diu	1065.1	807.92	1044.48	1147.93	548.32
33	Delhi	12142.65	8370.83	11703.99	14452.82	5389.37
34	Lakshadweep	125.88	95.39	121.45	138.02	128.06
35	Ladakh	504.21	504.21	501.32	2090.45	--
36	Puducherry	634.04	634.04	490.75	545.15	128.03
	Total	1252510.51	845121.73	953566.45	1218379.225	318739.87

Source: PM POSHAN website [<https://pmposhan.education.gov.in/>]

Utilization for the year 2024-25 is awaited from States/ UTs

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The details of State/UT/KVS/NVS wise grants allocated under PM SHRI scheme are as follows:

(Rs. in Crore)							
Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs/KVS/NVS	Funds approved in FY 2023-24	Central Share FY 2023-24	Funds Released in FY 2023-24	Funds approved in FY 2024-25	Central Share in FY 2024-25	Funds released in FY 2024-25
1	A & NICOBAR ISLANDS	6.25	6.25	1.56	5.27	5.27	1.41
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	354.86	212.916	106.46	701.65	420.99	88.42
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	18.73	16.857	4.21	48.15	43.33	9.34
4	ASSAM	127.47	114.723	57.36	296.28	266.65	62.6
5	BIHAR	NA	NA	NA	639.04	383.424	0
6	CHANDIGARH	0.73	0.73	0.64	1.77	1.77	0.80
7	CHHATTISGARH	65.8	39.48	19.73	180.7	108.42	7.14
8	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI, DAMAN & DIU	2.6	2.6	0.65	1.5	1.5	0.51
9	GOA	6.19	3.714	3.25	15.24	9.144	1.54
10	GUJARAT	109.79	65.874	32.95	145.84	87.50	18.07
11	HIMACHAL PRADESH	NA	NA	NA	150.39	135.35	33.84
12	HARYANA	85.27	51.162	25.59	199.01	119.40	27.36
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	116.44	104.796	52.39	246.73	222.05	48.32
14	JHARKHAND	NA	NA	NA	258.72	155.23	0
15	KARNATAKA	50.3	30.18	26.4	234.89	140.93	0
16	LADAKH	8.09	8.09	4.04	23.86	23.86	5.25
17	LAKSHADWEEP	4.36	4.36	1.09	4.12	4.12	0
18	MADHYA PRADESH	219.99	131.994	44.52	329.09	197.45	103.14
19	MAHARASHTRA	211.35	126.81	63.42	504.63	302.77	71.00
20	MANIPUR	39.19	35.271	17.63	81.79	73.611	20.46
21	MEGHALAYA	9.55	8.595	4.29	30.94	27.84	4.8
22	MIZORAM	9.12	8.208	4.12	11.27	10.14	2.35
23	NAGALAND	4.34	3.906	0.97	14.36	12.92	0
24	PUDUCHERRY	3.92	2.352	2.05	10.61	6.36	1.19
25	PUNJAB	NA	NA	NA	209.46	125.67	31.42
26	RAJASTHAN	163.95	98.37	24.60	366.76	220.05	59.37
27	SIKKIM	22.62	20.358	10.18	28.08	25.27	7.55
28	TELANGANA	398.69	239.214	59.82	447.64	268.58	73.99
29	TRIPURA	26.24	23.616	11.8	46.2	41.58	8.11
30	UTTARAKHAND	72.91	65.619	57.41	124.19	111.77	15.92
31	UTTAR PRADESH	404.98	242.988	121.49	513.36	308.01	73.10
32	KVS	590.71	590.71	295.35	668.78	668.78	338.24
33	NVS	260.73	260.73	162.74	567.23	567.23	277.42
	Total	3395.16	2520.473	1216.71	7107.56	5097.05	1392.66

Source: PM SHRI Division

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The details of percentage of primary schools covered under internet infrastructure/facility in the country, State-wise are as follows:

India/State/UT	Percentage
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2.7
Andhra Pradesh	41.6
Arunachal Pradesh	7.6
Assam	7.9
Bihar	4.0
Chandigarh	100.0
Chhattisgarh	30.8
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	35.3
Delhi	100.0
Goa	34.2
Gujarat	92.7
Haryana	15.2
Himachal Pradesh	15.7
Jammu and Kashmir	19.5
Jharkhand	31.7
Karnataka	5.4
Kerala	92.9
Ladakh	46.5
Lakshadweep	93.8
Madhya Pradesh	14.8
Maharashtra	28.9
Manipur	8.5
Meghalaya	12.2
Mizoram	4.5
Nagaland	40.6
Odisha	4.4
Puducherry	99.6
Punjab	22.8
Rajasthan	42.3
Sikkim	14.1
Tamil Nadu	8.6
Telangana	2.5
Tripura	6.2
Uttar Pradesh	7.9
Uttarakhand	13.2
West Bengal	3.1
India	18.1

Source: UDISE+ 2021-22
