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Funds for Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and PM-SHRI

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Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

- (a) the quantum of funds disbursed to Tamil Nadu under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and PM-SHRI during the last two years, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the flow of fund was stopped in the current year, on the plea that NEP provisions were not accepted by some States;
- (c) if so, the justification for denying the Union funds to the States on the basis of discrimination, when the State Government policy is to adopt two-language formula; and
- (d) whether the funds will be released in the interest of overall development of education and in the interest of teachers and students, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) The quantum/details of funds disbursed to Tamil Nadu under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and PM-SHRI during the last two years is as under:

(Rs. in Cr.)

| Financial Year | Samagra Shiksha | PM-SHRI |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2022-23 | 2107.23 | State has not onboarded the scheme. |
| 2023-24 | 1871.96 | |

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(b) to (d) The Union Government is committed to ensuring that every child, in every corner of the country has access to the transformative benefits of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020). Samagra Shiksha is an integrated scheme that envisages education as a continuum from pre-school to class XII. The Scheme has been aligned with the provisions of NEP 2020 and new interventions such as Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), Support for NIPUN Bharat, Quality and Innovation at all levels, Equity and Inclusion, Skill Education, ICT and Digital Initiatives etc. have been incorporated in the Scheme. Since inception, tens of lakhs of students from the State of Tamil Nadu are benefitting from the provisions of this Scheme. An amount of Rs. 4305.66 crore has been approved for the state of Tamil Nadu by the Project Approval Board (PAB) for the financial year 2024-25.

PM SHRI Scheme was launched in September 2022 with an aim to develop more than 14,500 selected schools as exemplar schools that offer leadership to other schools in the neighborhood, showcasing all the initiatives of NEP 2020. Every State/UT is required to sign a MoU with Ministry of Education and so far, **33** States/UTs have signed the MoU and have been onboarded on the scheme platform. The State of Tamil Nadu, too, gave an undertaking dated 15.03.2024 to sign the PM SHRI MoU before the beginning of the academic year 2024-25. After receiving the undertaking, a draft MoU under PM SHRI was sent by Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL) to the State Government. However, the State responded with a modified MoU vide letter dated 06.07.2024 wherein key paragraph referring to the implementation of NEP 2020 in entirety had been dropped. Thereafter, State Govt has been repeatedly requested to sign the MoU without any modifications.
