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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 983
ANSWERED ON 04-12-2024

Financial assistance for Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)

983 Smt. P.T. Usha:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total allocation made by Government as financial assistance for various development purposes under Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) for the State of Kerala during the last five years, district-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether Government intends to allocate additional assistance for the State of Kerala State to augment its higher education infrastructure, especially to women's colleges as a special component; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), launched in 2013, is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at funding specific State government universities and colleges to improve their quality by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards. The government has now launched the third phase of RUSA as Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) in June 2023 with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 to cater to needs of educationally unserved/underserved areas.

Since inception of RUSA in 2013, 160 units have been approved in Kerala, with central support of Rs. 341.6 Crore under various components of the scheme, including 'Infrastructure Grants to Colleges', in which women's colleges are also supported. An amount of Rs. 259.97 Crore has been released to the State so far, including released amount of Rs. 90.50 Crore during the last five years, i.e. 2019-20 to 2023-24. Kerala has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry on 16th January, 2024, to implement PM-USHA in the State.
