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Implementation of PM SHRI Schools Initiative

2096 **Smt. Ranjeet Ranjan:**
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Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in establishing PM Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) since its announcement;
(b) the criteria used to select schools for upgradation under this initiative; and
(c) the anticipated outcomes in terms of educational quality and infrastructure enhancement for the selected schools?

ANSWER

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

(a): Under the PM SHRI scheme, there is a provision of setting up of more than 14500 PM SHRI Schools by strengthening the existing schools from amongst schools managed by Central Government/State/UT Government/local bodies out of which a total of 12,505 schools have been selected from 33 States/UTs along with KVS/NVS/NCERT.

(b): Selection of PM SHRI schools is through Challenge Mode wherein Schools compete for support to become exemplar schools. Selection is done through a three-stage process with definite time lines, which is as follows: -

Stage-1: States/UTs sign an MoU with Centre laying down the commitments for supporting these schools for achieving specified quality assurance as PM SHRI schools.

Stage-2: In this stage, a pool of schools that are eligible to be selected as PM SHRI Schools are identified based on prescribed minimum benchmark through UDISE+ data.

These benchmarks are automatically populated from UDISE+ portal based on the latest data. The minimum benchmarks that the school fulfils are as follows:

i. The school should have its own pucca building in good condition.
ii. Barrier free access -Ramp.
iii. The school must be safety oriented.
iv. The enrolment of students at Elementary (Class 1-5/1-8) level and Senior Secondary (Class 6-12/ 6-10/ 1-10/ 1-12) level must be more than the state average enrolment, for the category.
v. The school should have at least one separate toilet each for boys & girls.
vi. The school must have potable drinking water facility.
vii. The school must have separate hand washing facility.

viii. All teachers should have Photo ID Card as per extant guidelines.
ix. Electricity supply should be in working condition.
x. School should have Library/library corner facilities and Sports equipment.

Stage-3: This stage is based on the challenge method for fulfilling certain criteria. Schools in urban areas need to score a minimum of 70%, whereas schools in rural areas need to score a minimum of 60% to be selected as PM SHRI Schools. Fulfilment of conditions has to be certified by States/UTs through physical inspection.

States/UTs are required to recommend the list of schools to the Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L), Ministry of Education after district verification and an Expert committee headed by Secretary (DoSE&L), at DoSE&L, has been constituted to make the final school selection through challenge method.

(c): The PM SHRI scheme aims to enhance educational quality, infrastructure, and student outcomes in PM SHRI schools. Activities such as Learning Enrichment Programs (LEP) focus on remedial teaching for students in classes 6-12, ensuring that all learners meet the required competency levels. Regular teacher capacity-building programs, including training of Principals, teachers, and special educators, are to be conducted to enhance pedagogical skills. Competency-based assessments and the introduction of holistic report cards ensure a well-rounded evaluation of students. Programs like the Rashtriya Aavishkar Abhiyan encourage innovative teaching through science and math circles, mentoring by eminent experts, and exposure visits to inspire interest in STEM education.

To enhance infrastructure, PM SHRI Schools has a provision of science labs, ICT-enabled smart classrooms, library, furniture and playground. Further, Atal Tinkering Labs, and digital learning tools like smart boards supporting modern, technology-driven education. Efforts like the introduction of LED lighting, composting facilities, and medicinal gardens create eco-friendly "green schools."

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