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Pariksha Pe Charcha

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of expenses incurred for each Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) event since its inception;
- (b) the measurable outcomes that have been achieved by Pariksha Pe Charcha in reducing exam-related stress among students since its inception;
- (c) the steps to ensure that students from remote and underprivileged regions are adequately represented in Pariksha Pe Charcha; and
- (d) the number of students participated in Pariksha Pe Charcha annually, and the criteria used to select participants?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) is a unique interactive programme of Hon'ble Prime Minister with students, teachers and parents. The details of expenditure incurred on PPC events since its inception as on date is as follows:-

PPC edition	Date of PPC event	Actual Expenditure incurred (in crore)
1 st	16 th February, 2018	Rs. 3.67
2 nd	29 th January, 2019	Rs. 4.93
3 rd	20 th January, 2020	Rs. 5.69
4 th	7 th April, 2021	Rs. 6.00
5 th	1 st April, 2022	Rs. 8.16
6 th	27 th January, 2023	Rs. 27.70
7 th	29 th January, 2024	Rs. 16.83
8 th	10 th February, 2025	Expenditure yet to be finalized.

(b) The measurable outcomes achieved by Pariksha Pe Charcha are the success and its positive impact reflected clearly in the participation numbers which have increased from 22,000 in 2018 to 2.26 crore in 2024 and then to 3.56 crore registration in 2025. Further, over 1.55 crore undertook activities of PPC 2025.

Hence, total participation was over 5 crore in PPC 2025. Further, the other outcomes derived from

8th edition of PPC 2025 programme are enhanced awareness and strategies for managing exam-related stress among students, leading to better mental health, broad participation across diverse regions through direct interaction with influential personalities. It ensures inclusivity nationwide and global engagement that fosters a sense of community and collective responsibility, motivation through success stories and a holistic approach to students' development, including emotional, physical, and academic growth etc.

(c) (i) Maximum representation in PPC programmes has been ensured from students across diverse socio-economic backgrounds, especially those from remote and underprivileged regions through a combination of outreach efforts by coordinating at all levels with the State Government, Autonomous Bodies running the schools like NVS, KVS, EMRS, schools under Defence, Railway Board amongst others. Every year, extensive campaign about the activities of PPC are generally carried out before the main event.

(ii) From 12th January 2025, i.e. National Youth Day, also known as Vivekananda Jayanti, till 23rd January, 2025, as a run up to the main event and in order to celebrate PPC-2025 as Jan Andolan by students, parents and teachers, various bouquet of activities were carried out. This year, as part of PPC 2025 on 23rd January, 2025 coinciding with the Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, in almost all districts across the country activities including viewing of the series 'Bharat Hain Hum' – a motivational and inspirational series on several freedom fighters was shown to students and quiz on the same was held. All of these activities resulted in the total participation of over 5 crore in the 8th edition of PPC 2025, ensuring that the participants come from all background; rural, urban, Government, private and also from different countries. Also, in the main episode with Hon'ble Prime Minister in PPC 2025, 36 children one each from all States and UTs were represented. Further, in all the other 7 episodes which has 50 to 60 students, students from all States and UTs and from all types of schools participated. The 7 episodes are – Mental Health issues, Tech and Artificial Intelligence in Studies, Role of Food and Nutrition in Studies, Mindfulness, Delivering under Pressure by Artists, Focus & Pressure Management by Sports personalities and Learning from the toppers.

(d) The total number of students, parents and teachers participated in Pariksha Pe Charcha annually is as under:-

PPC edition	Date of PPC event	Total No. of registration/ participation
1 st	16 th February, 2018	22,253
2 nd	29 th January, 2019	1.58 lakh
3 rd	20 th January, 2020	3.01 lakh
4 th	7 th April, 2021	13.93 lakh (10.5 lakh Students, 2.6 lakh Teachers and 92 thousand Parents)
5 th	1 st April, 2022	15.74 lakh (12.12 lakh Students, 2.71 lakh Teachers and 91 thousand Parents)
6 th	27 th January, 2023	38.80 lakh (31.24 lakh Students, 5.61 lakh Teachers and 1.95 lakh Parents)
7 th	29 th January, 2024	2.26 crore (Students -2.06 crore Teachers –14.94 lakh and Parents –5.69 lakh)
8 th	10 th February, 2025	5 crore participation (3.56 crore registration of Students – 3.30 crore, Teacher – 20.56 lakh and Parents – 5.44 lakh and 1.55 crore undertook activities of PPC 2025 from 12 th January, 2025 to 23 rd January, 2025).

For participation in Pariksha Pe Charcha, an online Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) competition is conducted at MyGov portal for children studying in classes from 6th to 12th, teachers and parents from 2024 onwards. Earlier, the competition was open to students of classes 9th to 12th, teachers and parents only.

Selection of participants is done at the State/UT level by the respective State Government and concerned Organizations for their respective schools. For students from State Board, State Government concerned sends the nomination. For students under different Organizations like EMRS, Railways, Defence etc., the students' nomination was done by them respectively.
