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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 3543**  
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**Digital Education in Odisha**

**3543 Shri Manas Ranjan Mangaraj:**

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

- (a) the number of schools in the State of Odisha equipped with digital learning resources;
- (b) the plans to introduce more digital classrooms, particularly in rural and underserved areas of the State;
- (c) the steps taken to provide digital literacy and access to e-learning platforms in the State of Odisha; and
- (d) the funds allocated for promoting digital education in the State?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Education is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and majority of the schools come under the purview of the respective State and UT Government. As informed by State Govt. of Odisha, 96718 Primary Level Teachers have been provided with Tablet Computers for digital education of Primary Students. 8044 Primary Schools and Co-located Anganwadi Centres have ICT Enabled Education through Smart TV. Details of ICT Labs and Smart Classrooms approved in the Government and Government Aided Schools are as under :

S.No.	Digital Resource Sanctioned	Number of Upper Primary, Secondary & Hr. Secondary schools
1.	ICT Labs	8412
2.	Smart Classroom	7655

(b) State Government of Odisha has informed that a total of 2,984 Upper Primary and 2,386 Secondary Schools are in the process of being equipped with Virtual Classrooms. Additionally, 95 KGBV Type-IV Hostels are approved for provision of ICT facilities, while 137 KGBV Type-IV Hostels and 182 KGBV Type-III Hostels are approved for provision of Smart Classrooms.

(c) State Government of Odisha has informed that all Government and Aided Secondary Schools have been provided with e-contents through Hard Drive. Digital contents are available in DIKSHA Portal, Madhu App, Epathashala Portal and Khan Academy and Kaushali Curriculum Platform to facilitate learning. The State of Odisha has been allocated 5 channels (Ch No. 138 to 142) to offer high quality education content in Odia/local regional languages. One hour of content on Digital Literacy is broadcasted by NCERT daily on DTH Channels and YouTube to enhance the digital literacy of students and teachers in rural areas.

(d) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha is implemented in partnership with all the States and UTs and financial assistance is provided to all States and UTs for various components. In this regard, Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) is prepared by the States and UTs based on their requirements and priorities and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education at the beginning of every year. These plans are then appraised / approved by Project Approval Board (PAB) in consultation with the States and UTs as per the programmatic and financial norms of the Scheme and availability of budgetary resources. Under Samagra Shiksha Scheme, Rs. 73918.6 lakhs have been allocated for Digital Initiatives in the State of Odisha till 2024-25.

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