

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

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PM SHRI schools in Odisha

1150 Shri Niranjana Bishi:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry will consider sanctioning more PM SHRI schools in tribal and aspirational districts of Odisha to strengthen NEP 2020 implementation; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, in which PM SHRI schools are set up by strengthening the existing schools from amongst schools managed by Central Government/State/UT Government/local bodies. These schools are to showcase all the initiatives of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and emerge as exemplar schools over a period of time, and also offer leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood.

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

Under the PM SHRI scheme, a total of 762 schools have been selected from the State of Odisha. As informed by the State of Odisha, 242 schools are selected from aspirational districts and 170 schools are selected from tribal districts to strengthen NEP 2020 implementation in the State.
