

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1159
ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025

PM-Usha (Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan) Scheme

1159 # Shri Brij Lal:
Dr. Anil Sukhdeorao Bonde:
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Smt. Kiran Choudhry:

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

- (a) the number of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) targeted under the scheme, State wise details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken to ensure that all States and Union Territories take part in the scheme;
- (c) what is the funding share between the Centre and States;
- (d) the details of industry collaborations, internships, and vocational modules introduced under the scheme;
- (e) whether the scheme is expected to address regional disparities and improve the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER); and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The government has launched the third phase of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA), with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore, including the committed liabilities of the earlier phases of RUSA, for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26, to cater to the needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas. Under PM-USHA, priority is given to focus districts. The focus districts are identified by the concerned States/ UTs based on various criteria, including low Gross Enrolment Ratio, Gender Parity, population proportion and enrolment proportion for females, transgenders, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes, Aspirational/ Border Area/ Left Wing Extremism district etc.

The scheme envisages improvement in access, equity and excellence in State Higher Education system through support under various components viz., Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU), Grants to Strengthen

Universities (GSU), Grants to Strengthen Colleges (GSC), New Model Degree Colleges (NMDC) and Gender Inclusion and Equity Initiatives (GIEI).

All the States/ UTs had the option to participate in implementation of PM-USHA in their States/ UTs. Under the scheme, all the 615 units have been approved with a total amount of Rs. 8178.71 Crore under various components. The State-wise details of units approved under PM-USHA are at **Annexure**.

(c): Under the scheme, Central: State funding ratio is 90:10 for the North-eastern States/ Jammu and Kashmir/ Himachal Pradesh/ Uttarakhand; 100:0 for UTs without Legislature; and 60:40 for the other States/ Puducherry/ Delhi.

(d): Under the scheme, States/ UTs may undertake various activities such as (i) setting up start-up incubation centres and technology development centres for skill-based courses with the help of Industries/ Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME); (ii) MoUs signed with industry for internship/ research/ entrepreneurship/ employment; (iii) placement/ training and certification programmes, structural reforms according to the increased industry-ready courses and industry-academia linkages; (iv) internship/ apprenticeship embedded degree programme; (v) vocational courses for 21st-century skills, internships/ training regarding vocational education; (vi) focus on skilling and vocationalization training/ workshops/ placement for females, transgenders etc.

(e) & (f): One of the objectives of the PM-USHA is to correct regional imbalances in access to higher education by facilitating access to high-quality institutions in urban & semi-urban areas, creating opportunities for students from rural areas to get access to better quality institutions and setting up institutions in unserved & underserved areas and focusing on low GER, Left Wing Extremism (LWE)/ border area/ aspirational districts and districts with higher SC/ ST population.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) & (B) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1159 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025 REGARDING PM-USHA (PRADHAN MANTRI UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA ABHIYAN) SCHEME ASKED BY SHRI BRIJ LAL, DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE, SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR, SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA, SHRI NARHARI AMIN AND SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

State-wise details of units approved under PM-USHA

S. No.	States/ UTs	Number of Units approved
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	33
3	Arunachal Pradesh	7
4	Assam	24
5	Bihar	25
6	Chandigarh	4
7	Chhattisgarh	21
8	Goa	2
9	Gujarat	32
10	Haryana	20
11	Himachal Pradesh	10
12	Jammu and Kashmir	18
13	Jharkhand	27
14	Karnataka	31
15	Kerala	18
16	Ladakh	3
17	Madhya Pradesh	38
18	Maharashtra	61
19	Manipur	10
20	Meghalaya	7
21	Mizoram	7
22	Nagaland	10
23	Odisha	38
24	Puducherry	4
25	Punjab	18
26	Rajasthan	34
27	Sikkim	7
28	Telangana	22
29	Tripura	7
30	Uttar Pradesh	66
31	Uttarakhand	8
	Total	615
