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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1165
ANSWERED ON 30/07/2025

ICT Labs/ Smart Classrooms

1165 Shri S Niranjana Reddy:

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

- (a) whether schools with ICT labs/ Smart Classrooms are permitted to use Samagra Shiksha funds for procuring adaptive devices and assistive software for students with special needs; and
(b) whether the Ministry can share the current number of schools in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh with operational smart classrooms, if so, the details thereof?

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 are under domain of the respective State and UT Governments. Samagra Shiksha, an overarching programme envisaging the 'school' as a continuum from pre-school to Grade 12, is running in the country. The vision of the scheme is to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education in accordance with the National Education Policy 2020. The scheme covers all CwSN with one or more disabilities as mentioned in the schedule of disabilities of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 including Intellectual Disability.

Under Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for setting up of ICT labs and smart classrooms in Government and Government Aided Schools having classes VI to XII. There is flexibility to procure hardware such as tablets/ laptops/notebooks/ integrated teaching learning devices and open source operating system as well as Hardware, Software, training and resource support. This would include support for digital boards, smart classrooms, virtual classrooms and DTH channels.

There is a dedicated Inclusive Education component for the education of Children with Special Needs as an integral part of Samagra Shiksha. Through this component, Children with Special Needs are provided support via specific student oriented interventions such as identification and assessment camps, provision of aids, appliances and assistive devices, transportation, scribe and escort allowance support, Braille books and large print books, stipend for girls with special needs and teaching-learning materials etc. in order to appropriately address their unique educational requirements in general schools. Further, individualized support is also provided through therapeutic interventions at the block level. Samagra Shiksha supports CwSN as per the RPwD Act, 2016.

(b): As per PRABANDH portal, till 31.05.2025, the details of functional Smart Classrooms in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana is as under: -

State	Functional Smart Classrooms
Andhra Pradesh	4,691
Telangana	3,982
