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Adarsh Vidyalayas

337 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

- (a) whether Government is setting up Adarsh Vidyalayas to improve quality education in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of Adarsh Vidyalayas established across the country, especially in the State of Rajasthan, as on date;
- (c) whether Government has taken any step to ensure that these schools have adequate staff with trained teachers and necessary infrastructure as per the objectives of NEP, 2020; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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. They provide leadership in their respective regions in providing high-quality education in an equitable, inclusive and joyful school environment that takes care of the diverse background, multilingual needs, and different academic abilities of children and makes them active participants in their own learning process as per the vision of NEP 2020.

Under the scheme, there is a provision of setting up of more than 14500 PM SHRI schools by strengthening the existing schools from amongst schools managed by Central Government/State/UT Government/local bodies out of which 13,076 PM SHRI schools have been selected up to 7th phase of selection process.

In the state of Rajasthan, a total of 639 PM SHRI schools have been selected out of which 16 schools are Primary, 123 schools are Elementary, 18 schools are Secondary and 482 schools are Senior Secondary.

(c) & (d): PM SHRI scheme has a provision to showcase all the initiatives of National Education Policy 2020 which emphasizes on ensuring adequate staff and well-trained teachers in schools to enhance the quality of education. The Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) in PM SHRI schools is required to be maintained as per NEP guidelines to ensure personalized and effective learning outcomes.

Teacher training is strengthened through District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) and State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs), which provide continuous professional development programs. Training focuses on modern pedagogical techniques, including experiential and competency-based learning, as well as using digital tools for teaching. Teachers are also updated with the latest and best environmental practices and the most effective ways to propagate them among the students.

The gaps are identified and addressed to ensure that PM SHRI schools have access to adequate infrastructure like drinking water supply, furniture, computer room, science labs and lab equipment. Further, digital pedagogy in PM SHRI schools, is promoted through ICT and digital initiatives. This includes provisions for providing digital libraries with tablets containing pre-loaded educational content, Classroom Digital Boards, Smart Classrooms, Digital Content Creation, and technological interventions to support teachers and address language barriers.
