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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 110
ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025

School Infrastructure Modernization Framework

110 # **Shri Tejveer Singh:**

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

(a) the progress made in setting up smart classrooms, digital labs and skill-based training facilities in Government schools under the School Infrastructure Modernization Framework recently announced by Government;

(b) whether any new digital inclusion policy is being introduced to address the teaching-learning gap for students in rural and tribal areas so that all students may access equal quality education; and

(c) whether the Ministry is formulating a new time-bound action plan to ensure this?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 110 FOR REPLY ON 10.12.2025 ASKED BY SHRI TEJVEER SINGH, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION FRAMEWORK"

(a): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L), Ministry of Education (MoE) is implementing Samagra Shiksha – an Integrated Scheme for School Education from 2018-19. It is an overarching programme envisaging the 'school' as a continuum from pre-school to Grade 12, running in the country. The vision of the scheme is to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

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.

Till 2025-26, 1,77,088 ICT Labs and 1,76,728 Smart Classrooms have been sanctioned to State/UT Governments, out of which 1,15,534 ICT Labs and 87,888 Smart classrooms are functional. This includes 3,564 ICT Labs and 3,655 Smart Classrooms sanctioned in 2024-25, to saturate all Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs). This also includes 20,553 ICT Labs and 29,910 Smart Classrooms sanctioned to saturate all functional secondary and senior secondary schools with ICT Labs and Smart Classrooms in 2025-26.

The Government of India, in the Budget 2025-26, has announced provision of broadband connectivity to all Government Secondary Schools in rural areas, under the 'BharatNet' project to enhance digital infrastructure in remote areas by BSNL.

In the Union Budget 2025-26, it was announced that 50,000 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) will be set up in the Government Schools in next five years, to cultivate the spirit of innovation and foster a scientific temper among young minds. Currently, 10,000 ATLs are established in the country.

The Government of India provides financial assistance to States for giving exposure to Skill Education to students of Grades VI to VIII and introduction of skill courses from Grades IX to XII, which are aligned with the National Curriculum Framework for school education (NCF-SE) and New Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Assistance is also provided for capacity building of Skill Education teachers/skill trainers, development of competency-based curriculum and teaching learning material, development of management information system for monitoring and evaluation, and taking up innovative programmes under Skill Education. Kaushal Bodh, the activity book of vocational education for Grade 6 to 8 has been launched by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) aligned with the NCF-SE & NEP-2020.

Skill education aims to help students explore job-related skills in various sectors and make informed subject choices for higher studies. The details of implementation of Skill Education for Students of grade IX to XII under Samagra Shiksha and PM SHRI Schemes is as under: -

Scheme Name	Schools Approved (till 2025-26)	Schools where Skill Education Implemented	Students Enrolled in Skill Education
Samagra Shiksha	31,477	21,342	27,97,620
PM SHRI	4,988	3,798	7,58,710

The provision for Hub and Spoke Model has been introduced, under which, the infrastructure available in the Hub schools are utilised by the students of nearby schools (spoke schools) for Skill training. ITIs, Polytechnics etc. are also being used as hubs. Under the Hub & Spoke model, 975 Spoke schools have been approved nationwide.

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has been implementing PMKVY since 2015 to create an industry ready workforce and enhance the employability skills. MoE coordinates for the implementation of PMKVY in schools. The scheme targets schools/college drop outs, out-of-school children and unemployed youths in the age group of 15-45 years. Under the scheme the targeted groups are offered demand driven and industry-linked skilling courses that will enable them to choose a career path aligned with their abilities and aspirations. It has been envisaged to leverage the existing infrastructure of schools after the school hours or on non-working days as 'Skill Hub' for imparting Skill Education and Training.

The Ministry of Education launched "My Career Adviser," a mobile application. This app is designed to provide comprehensive career guidance to students, leveraging AI and machine learning to analyze their interests, skills, and academic performance. It offers personalized recommendations for various career paths, educational courses, and vocational training programs. It features information on over 1,500 job roles, detailed career profiles, and provides insights into educational requirements and vocational training programs. Aimed at students, teachers, and parents. MoE has launched Career Guide book for school students. This Career guide Book consists of 500 career cards in 21 domains. Each career card contains work profile, essential Personal Traits, Course fee, Scholarships, Loan prospects, Entry Pathway, Details about course providing Institutions(Govt./Private/Online course) and example of pionerrs in the field. A copy of this book is available at https/dsel.education.gov.in/careers/index.html.

(b) & (c): A comprehensive initiative called PM eVidya was initiated as part of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan' on 17th May, 2020, which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education across the country under the aegis of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. States/Union Territories (UTs) collaborate with NCERT to utilise, monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of these initiatives as per their requirements in mother

tongue/local/regional languages. PM eVidya includes 200 DTH TV Channels allotted to States/UTs/Autonomous Bodies (ABs)/Other Ministries in Government of India and 400 Radio channels to enable them to provide supplementary education as per their requirement in various Indian languages for classes 1-12.

Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) is the Nation's One Nation, One Digital platform for providing quality e-content for school education in States/UTs along with QR coded Energised Textbooks (ETBs) for all grades. As a participant in DIKSHA, States/UTs/ABs have generated and contributed over 3.7 lakh content in mother local/regional languages enabling multilingualism. Overall, 565.28 crore learning sessions have been completed on DIKSHA by students, teachers and other stakeholders. The stakeholders have access to more than 450 Virtual Labs and 100 Virtual skill labs (50 each in Hindi and English) on DIKSHA.

To ascertain/measure Learning Outcomes for Class 3, 6 and 9, DoSE&L conducts PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development) Rashtriya Sarvekshan in every 3 years across the country. The PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan is conducted across different management types, across rural & urban schools and across social groups to engineer interventions for equitable access & quality in education. The latest round of the PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024 was conducted on 4th December, 2024 by the National Assessment Centre, PARAKH under the aegis of the MoE. The report can be accessed at https://dashboard.par`akh.ncert.gov.in/en.

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