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**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1142**  
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**Strengthening of school education under the SSA**

**1142 # Shri Pradip Kumar Varma:**

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

- (a) the number of schools strengthened with infrastructure, smart classrooms and teaching resources under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in the current year;
- (b) whether it is a fact that digital modules and the DIKSHA platform have been widely adopted for teacher training and capacity building;
- (c) whether special support is being provided for education reforms in aspirational districts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): The Samagra Shiksha Scheme supports strengthening of Schools through creation of infrastructure facilities and by providing digital learning material and smart classrooms and teaching resources. States and UTs prepare an Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) based on their needs and priorities including these areas, following guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education each year. These plans are appraised and approved by the Project Approval Board in consultation with States and UTs, depending on programme norms and available resources. Number of School where Infrastructure Facilities, smart classrooms and teaching resources approved under Samagra Shiksha during current Financial Year: 2025-26 is as following:

**Number of Schools under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in 2025-26**

<b>Infrastructure strengthening</b>	<b>Smart-Classrooms</b>	<b>Teaching Resources material</b>
<b>65092</b>	<b>45180</b>	<b>1763776</b>

(b): Digital learning initiatives, including the DIKSHA platform, have been widely adopted for teacher professional development. DIKSHA hosts high-quality digital modules, e-content and training courses aligned with NCF and NEP 2020, and is being extensively used by States/UTs for capacity building of teachers through online and blended modes. Teachers are trained to effectively integrate digital content from DIKSHA, PM e-Vidya, and other platforms into daily instruction. The NISHTHA (National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement) programme under Samagra Shiksha is also implemented primarily through the DIKSHA digital platform, offering structured online courses for teachers and school leaders across foundational, preparatory, middle and secondary levels.

(c) & (d): The Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) is Government of India's flagship programme to quickly and effectively transform 112 most under-developed districts across the country.

Preference is given to Aspirational Districts for implementation of Samagra Shiksha, the overarching school education programme aligned with NEP 2020 which supports interventions in access, infrastructure, quality improvement, digital initiatives, RTE entitlements, early childhood education (including NIPUN Bharat), vocational education, sports, teacher training, residential schooling through KGBVs and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalayas.

To ensure that gaps in education reforms are addressed by utilizing available resources, States/UTs are requested to incorporate the proposals in the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) under the Schemes of this Department viz. Samagra Shiksha; PM-SHRI; PM-POSHAN schemes as well as through convergence with other Centre/State schemes. PM POSHAN provides hot cooked meals to children in Classes I–VIII in Government and Government-aided schools including all Aspirational Districts. PM SHRI aims to develop more than 14,500 model schools with safe, inclusive learning environments also in Aspirational districts. Additionally, National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) offers merit scholarships to economically weaker students, with focused support for Aspirational Districts.

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