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Smart Classrooms

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

- (a) the Government's explication of smart classrooms in the context of classrooms;
- (b) whether the government has set a specific target for implementing smart classrooms in schools across the country, if so, the specific timeframe thereof;
- (c) whether any fund has been allocated so far for the construction of smart classrooms, and the details of the expenditure in regard to the allocated funds; and
- (d) the percentage of the country's total GDP spent on education over the past five years, the details of the year-wise expenditure?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SH. JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): A Smart Classroom can be explicated as hyper-connected, tech-augmented learning classroom which embeds blended pedagogy frameworks using real time data analytics, immersive multimedia and adaptive personalized learning. A smart classroom, under the ICT and Digital Initiatives of Samagra Shiksha, refers to a technology enabled classroom equipped with interactive digital boards or display units, projectors/LCD/LED/plasma screens, Operating System (OS), printer, scanner, web camera, pre-loaded tablets, desktops/laptops, internet connectivity. Under Smart Classroom component, financial assistance is provided to States/UTs, for establishing Smart Classrooms at Upper Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary levels in schools. The non-recurring/recurring grant under 'ICT and Digital Initiatives' is available to the States & UTs for following two options: -

Option I: Under this option schools which have not availed the ICT facility earlier can either opt for ICT or smart classrooms as per their requirement and need. In case of more than 700 enrolment, an additional ICT lab can also be considered. States/UTs have 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 on pro-rata basis for number of schools approved.

Option II: Under this option schools which have already availed the ICT facility earlier can avail smart classrooms/tablets as per the norms of the scheme.

As per PRABANDH portal, till 2025-26, 1,76,728 Smart Classrooms have been sanctioned to State/UT Governments, out of which 87,888 Smart classrooms are functional. This includes 3,655 Smart Classrooms sanctioned to saturate all Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) in 2024-25. This also includes 29,910 Smart Classrooms sanctioned to saturate all functional secondary and senior secondary schools with Smart Classrooms in 2025-26.

Under the Smart Classrooms component of Samagra Shiksha, ₹3060.66 crore has been allocated to States and UTs, out of which ₹1315.23 crore has been incurred as expenditure from 2020–21 to 2024–25.

(d): As per the data provided by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the details of percentage of GDP spent on education from 2019-20 are as under: -

Financial Year	Expenditure on Education as a Percentage of GDP (%)
2019-20	4.20
2020-21	4.16
2021-22	3.99
2022-23	4.05
2023-24	4.20
