

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -1254
ANSWERED ON – 10/12/2025

IMPLEMENTATION OF SHRESHTA SCHEME

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government is aware that some schools reportedly charge fees from students covered under the SHRESHTA scheme and if so, the steps taken to address this;
- (b) the number of schools selected under SHRESHTA, State-wise, during the last five years;
- (c) the total number of beneficiaries under the scheme, State-wise, including annual new additions during the last five years;
- (d) the total beneficiaries in Tamil Nadu with yearly additions during the last five years;
- (e) the funds released, State-wise, from last five years; and
- (f) details of the monitoring mechanisms in place to ensure proper implementation of the scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

- (a) Some complaints regarding charging of fee from some of the students admitted in private residential schools under the Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) were received. Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has issued letter to all schools participating in the SHRESHTA Scheme, directing them to strictly comply with the guidelines of the Scheme and ensure that no additional fees are charged from the students.
- (b) Details of number of schools selected under SHRESHTA, State/UT-wise during last five years are at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) to (e) SHRESHTA being a Central Sector Scheme, funds are not released to the State/UT. However, details of number of beneficiaries and funds released to the project under the State/UT under the Scheme, State/UT-wise including the State of Tamil Nadu during last five years are at **Annexure-II**.
- (f) Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) constituted by the Ministry inspects the physical and financial progress of the projects under the SHRESHTA Scheme. Further, all grant-in-aid institutions have to upload functional, financial and beneficiary details including utilisation certificates, audited accounts and audit reports on the e-Anudaan portal, and to install CCTV systems in accordance with Scheme guidelines.

Annexure referred to in part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1254 to be answered on 10.12.2025

Details of number of schools selected under SHRESHTA, State/UT-wise, during last five years:

S. No.	State/UTs	Private residential schools selected during 2021-22	Private residential schools selected during 2022-23	Private residential schools selected during 2023-24	Private residential schools selected during 2024-25	Private residential schools selected during 2025-26
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14	5	8	11	11
2.	Bihar	6	2	5	4	3
3.	Chhattisgarh	6	5	7	8	9
4.	Gujarat	1	6	1	1	1
5.	Haryana	1	10	15	11	18
6.	Himachal Pradesh	1	8	4	4	3
7.	Jharkhand	6	3	4	3	2
8.	Karnataka	8	0	1	2	2
9.	Kerala	1	16	11	9	7
10.	Madhya Pradesh	5	8	12	11	11
11.	Maharashtra	4	5	5	4	2
12.	Orissa	17	3	6	4	3
13.	Punjab	0	2	3	4	2
14.	Rajasthan	5	27	25	31	40
15.	Tamil Nadu	4	21	16	14	11
16.	Telangana	0	1	1	0	0
17.	Uttar Pradesh	12	10	17	19	23
18.	Uttarakhand	2	6	3	5	3
19.	West Bengal	0	2	0	0	0
20.	A & N Island	0	1	0	0	0
21.	Puducherry	0	1	0	0	0
22.	Assam	1	1	0	0	0
23.	Tripura	1	0	0	0	0
	Total	95	143	144	145	151 (as on 01.12.2025)

Annexure referred to in part (c) to (e) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1254 to be answered on 10.12.2025

Details of number of beneficiaries and funds released under the SHRESHTA Scheme, State/UT-wise during last five years:

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	State/UTs	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
		Number of beneficiaries	Amount released	Number of beneficiaries	Amount released	Number of beneficiaries	Amount released	Number of beneficiaries	Amount released	Number of beneficiaries	Amount released
1	Andhra Pradesh	1153	218.32	457	261.32	947	667.24	1154	1018.01	806	1063.45
2	Bihar	226	192.75	198	246.1	115	142.29	112	132.29	86	103.81
3	Chhattisgarh	50	51.5	130	154.5	231	274.75	324	385.35	347	422.09
4	Gujarat	201	14.71	163	31.62	29	32.18	129	92.56	36	44.60
5	Haryana	103	8.75	242	75.18	293	361.62	760	888.94	1013	1271.85
6	Himachal Pradesh	9	9.25	35	42.64	56	67.4	72	86.07	82	102.12
7	Jharkhand	73	33.09	85	129.6	60	70.71	72	89.89	36	41.91
8	Karnataka	1751	327.59	887	279.77	1160	454.52	1123	603.26	248	352.94
9	Kerala	2	2.2	195	232.9	278	339.99	272	331.00	216	268.91
10	Madhya Pradesh	1062	176.07	520	253.87	547	379.28	470	430.44	424	456.10
11	Maharashtra	3825	504.63	4094	744.29	2982	878.5	1751	913.99	975	662.03
12	Orissa	1898	336.21	1264	415.36	1222	485.06	668	355.449	369	346.7
13	Punjab	0	0	17	20.25	39	48.25	44	55.34	25	31.87
14	Puducherry	0	0	7	8.52	8	9.8	4	5.00	3	4.05
15	Rajasthan	2360	350.94	1974	486.9	2399	1286.45	2711	2000.12	1494	1986.34
16	Tamil Nadu	440	154.28	643	347.02	341	404.64	312	375.49	259	330.37
17	Tripura	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Uttar Pradesh	3947	1046.44	3228	1034.38	3662	1674.65	3293	2427.01	1961	2206.61
19	Uttarakhand	224	43.3	84	62.26	184	94.64	160	121.75	48	77.30
20	West Bengal	1100	106.55	237	38.54	318	88.76	172	63.66	189	90.90
21	A & N Island	0	0	2	2.25	2	2.45	1	1.25	1	1.35
22	NCT of Delhi	500	81.62	1026	105.82	752	155.1	542	170.22	89	60.11
23	Assam	707	64.86	588	64.04	5	6.00	3	3.75	3	4.05
24	Manipur	200	14.31	0	0	25	11.00	0	26.46	75	16.20
25	Telangana	300	39.81	255	54.18	161	96.76	132	84.00	8	27.90
26	Meghalaya	300	24.87	148	21.66	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	20435	3804.05	16479	5112.97	15816	8032.04	14281	10661.29	8793	9973.56 (as on 01.12.2025)