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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
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Samagra Shiksha and RUSA schemes

1958 **Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik:**

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

- (a) the number of schools and higher educational institutions in the State of Maharashtra benefitting under the Samagra Shiksha and RUSA schemes;
- (b) whether any proposal exists to upgrade select Universities in the State as Centres of Excellence; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): The Department of School Education and Literacy is implementing an Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education- Samagra Shiksha w.e.f. 2018-19, which subsumes the three erstwhile Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). As per UDISE+ 2024-25, in the state of Maharashtra, a total of 89179 (64773 Government schools and 24406 Government Aided) schools have been supported under the scheme.

The Department of Higher Education is implementing the third phase of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 to cater to needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas. Under the scheme, a total of 144 projects for a total amount of Rs. 1431.31 Crore have been approved in the state of Maharashtra. Under the scheme, support has been provided to States/UTs for strengthening infrastructure, including construction of hostels, academic and administrative buildings, laboratories and other facilities required for improving access and quality in higher education.
