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Budgetary allocation for Pariksha Pe Charcha programme

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise budgetary allocation for Pariksha Pe Charcha programme during the last five years;
- (b) the detailed expenditure breakup under different heads for the 2024-25 edition;
- (c) the number of students who directly participated in the programme, year-wise; and
- (d) what evaluation mechanism exists to assess the impact and cost-effectiveness of the programme?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The year-wise budgetary allocation and participation details of the Pariksha Pe Charcha programme during the last five years is as under: -

Sl. No.	Year	Total Budget Allocated (Rs. in crores)	Expenditure incurred (Rs. in crores)	Total No. of participation (students, teachers & parents)	Cost of reaching out per participant (in Rs.)
1.	2021	7.28	6.00	13.93 lakh	43.07
2.	2022	9.09	8.16	15.74 lakh	51.84
3.	2023	32.72	27.70	38.80 lakh	71.39
4.	2024	16.85	16.83	2.26 crore	7.44
5.	2025	18.94	18.83 (Provisional)	5.11 crore*	3.68

* (3.56 crore registrations and 1.55 crore undertook activities)

To evaluate the impact of PPC, the Government deploys a number of indicators including -

1. **Participation Metrics** – reflected in the increase from 22,000 participants in 2018 to over 5 crore in 2025.
2. **Digital Footprint & Viewership** – Sessions are broadcasted on major TV channels, digital platforms, and social media, enabling real-time audience monitoring.
3. **Post-event Activities & Feedback** – States/UTs, schools and educational bodies conduct activities and provide feedback on student engagement and learning outcomes.

4. **Manodarpan & Counselling Indicators** – Issues highlighted during PPC are supported through NCERT's *Manodarpan* initiative, national helpline, counsellor sessions, and webinars, which provide continuous monitoring of student well-being.
5. **Inclusivity Monitoring** – Participation is assessed across rural and remote areas, socio-economic groups, and different school systems (State Boards, CBSE, KVS, NVS, EMRS, Defence, Railways, private schools, and overseas students).
6. **Programme Review** – Each edition undergoes administrative and financial review to refine content, improve efficiency, reduce per-participant cost, and enhance the programme's overall impact.

The positive impact of Pariksha Pe Charcha interaction is reflected clearly in the participation numbers which have increased from 22,000 in 2018 to 2.26 crore in 2024 and then to 3.56 crore registration in 2025. Over 1.55 crore peers undertook various activities during PPC 2025 from 12th to 23rd January, 2025. Thus, total participation was over 5 crore in PPC 2025. PPC extends its impact beyond students by engaging with the school eco-system i.e. with parents and teachers also. PPC seeks to promote empathetic behaviour and is not limited to an annual interaction and has fast emerged as a Jan Andolan.

Moreover, the Department conducts regular review meetings to enhance the experience of participants as well as to assess the impact and outcomes of the programme. Suggestions/feedbacks are also received from the organizing agencies, stakeholders at various stages. As a result of the exercise, the cost of reaching out per participant has substantially reduced from Rs. 43.07 per participant in the year 2018 to Rs. 3.68 per participant in the year 2025, thereby improving the cost-effectiveness of the programme.
