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**Implementation of PM SHRI Schools scheme in Maharashtra**

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

- (a) the total number of schools in Maharashtra that have been selected under the PM SHRI schools scheme so far;
- (b) the criteria adopted for the selection of schools under this scheme;
- (c) whether Government propose to include more schools from Maharashtra in the next phase; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure quality infrastructure, digital learning and skill-based education in these schools?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): Under the PM SHRI scheme, a total of 860 PM SHRI schools have been selected from the State of Maharashtra out of which 207 are primary, 466 are elementary, 121 are secondary and 66 are senior secondary.

Under the PM SHRI scheme, the selection of PM SHRI schools is done through challenge mode wherein schools compete for support under the scheme. Selection is done through a three-stage process.

The minimum benchmarks that the school should fulfil are as follows:

- i. The school should have its own pucca building in good condition.
- ii. Barrier free access -ramp.
- iii. The school must be safety oriented.
- iv. The enrolment of students at elementary (class 1-5/1-8) level and senior secondary (class 6-12/ 6-10/ 1-10/ 1-12) level must be more than the state average enrolment, for the category.
- v. The school should have at least one separate toilet each for boys & girls.
- vi. The school must have potable drinking water facility.
- vii. The school must have separate hand washing facility.
- viii. All teachers should have photo ID card as per extant guidelines.
- ix. Electricity supply should be in working condition.
- x. School should have library/library corner facilities and sports equipment.

Schools in urban areas need to score a minimum of 70%, whereas schools in rural areas need to score a minimum of 60% to be selected as PM SHRI schools. Fulfilment of conditions has to be certified by States/UTs through physical inspection.

(d): To ensure quality infrastructure, PM SHRI scheme has a provision to equip PM SHRI schools with science labs, ICT-enabled smart classrooms, library, furniture and playground. Initiatives like introduction of LED lighting, creation of eco-friendly green schools with herbal/medicinal gardens and composting facilities. For quality assurance and continuous monitoring, all PM SHRI schools are onboarded on School Quality Assessment Framework (SQAf) for a four-stage upgradation.

PM SHRI scheme has a provision to incorporate digital learning in PM SHRI schools by establishing ICT-enabled smart classrooms and digital libraries along with digital educational content. Platforms like DIKSHA are being utilized to provide a repository of high-quality digital learning resources, enabling resource-sharing among educators and students. There is also a provision for the capacity-building of teachers to effectively integrate digital pedagogy into their teaching practices, ensuring enriched and engaging learning experiences for students.

The scheme, aligned with NEP 2020, also has a provision to integrate vocational education into the mainstream curriculum at the secondary and senior secondary levels, equipping students with essential skills for the future. There is a provision of setting up of vocational and skill labs by providing tools & equipment, raw materials, trainers, in-service and induction trainings for trainers, hands on training for students, linkages with sector skill councils etc. Students gain hands-on experience through internships with organisation/companies.

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