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Government school in Kushinagar

3713 **Shri Ratanjit Pratap Narain Singh:**

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

- (a) the total number of Government schools in Kushinagar district selected for upgradation under the Prime Minister's Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme;
- (b) the specific physical and digital infrastructure improvements completed in these schools during the last academic year;
- (c) the details of central funds allocated, released and utilized by the district administration for these targeted schools;
- (d) the mechanism to ensure that PM SHRI schools in the district function as mentorship hubs for surrounding rural schools; and
- (e) the impact of these infrastructure upgrades on local student enrolment and retention rates?

ANSWER

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

(a): Under the PM SHRI scheme, a total of 31 PM SHRI schools have been selected till 20.03.2026 from the Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh out of which 7 are primary and 24 are elementary. The details of PM SHRI schools may be accessed on the website of PM SHRI scheme at the link: <https://pms shri .education.gov.in/state>.

(b): As informed by the State of Uttar Pradesh, the details of physical infrastructure improvements approved for PM SHRI schools in Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh are as follows: -

(₹ in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of Infrastructure	Allocated unit	Fund allocation
1	Additional classrooms	8	135.77
2	Furniture	31	70.25
3	Activity promoting green school	31	2.90
4	LED light	31	0.62
5	Colorful sorting dustbin	31	0.62
6	Sanitation wash facilities	31	3.87
7	Herbal and medicine garden	24	7.20
8	Minor repair	31	38.09
9	Drinking water	11	5.50

10	Boys toilet	2	14.12
11	Girls toilet	3	19.02
12	Computer furniture	24	44.64
13	Bal vatika	5	71.95
14	CWSN toilet	15	23.20

Further, as informed by the State of Uttar Pradesh, the details of installation of ICT initiatives like smart classes, ICT labs and digital libraries in Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh are as follows:

S.No.	ICT initiatives	Installed units
1	Smart classes	24
2	ICT labs	24
3	Digital library	24

(c): As informed by the State of Uttar Pradesh, during FY 2024-25, a total of ₹294.43 lakh was allocated for these 31 PM SHRI schools in Kushinagar district under the PM SHRI Scheme, out of which ₹286.65 lakh has been utilized by the Kushinagar district.

(d): To ensure that PM SHRI schools in the district function as mentorship hubs for surrounding rural schools, the following mechanisms have been put in place, as per information received from the State of Uttar Pradesh.:

- i. PM SHRI schools are paired with nearby private and higher education institutions to promote collaborative learning. Joint academic and co-curricular activities, peer learning, and sharing of best practices are being carried out through a clear action plan. Regular coordination at the block level ensures effective implementation and continuous improvement.
- ii. Monthly Sankul Meetings, guided by a common state-suggested agenda, serve as key platforms for peer learning, where teachers from all parishadiya schools, including PM SHRI schools, come together to share best practices, review learning outcomes, and address classroom challenges.
- iii. In addition, a dedicated cadre of academic mentors—State Resource Group (SRG) members at the district level and Academic Resource Persons (ARPs) at the block level—conduct regular supportive supervision visits to schools. These visits focus on classroom observation, on-site mentoring, and academic guidance, thereby facilitating the dissemination of effective pedagogical practices from PM SHRI schools to surrounding rural schools.

(e): As informed by the State of Uttar Pradesh, retention rate at both the foundational and preparatory levels for the financial year 2025–2026 reflect an increase compared to the financial year 2024–2025 in Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh, as given below:

Financial Year	Retention Rate	
	Foundational	Preparatory
2024-25	63.4	48.3
2025-26	70.9	49.8
