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**RAJYA SABHA
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Expansion and Implementation of PM SHRI schools

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

- (a) the key developments undertaken to expand and operationalise the PM SHRI (PM Schools for Rising India) schools scheme in alignment with the objectives of the National Education Policy, 2020;
- (b) the details of additional schools approved or funded recently and the criteria adopted for their selection across States and Union Territories; and
- (c) the measures taken to strengthen infrastructure, teacher training and digital learning facilities in PM SHRI schools to enable them to function as exemplar institutions, State-wise, and particularly in Gujarat?

ANSWER

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

(a): Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) is a centrally sponsored scheme which aims to strengthen more than 14,500 schools from amongst the existing schools managed by Central Government/State/UT Government/local bodies. As per the PM SHRI guidelines, a maximum of two schools per block/Urban Local Body (ULB) are selected with an upper limit

on the total number of schools across India. These schools are to showcase all the initiatives of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, be the exemplar schools, and also offer benchmarking leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood. Till date, a total of 13,076 schools have been selected from 33 States/UTs along with KVS, NVS, and NCERT covering 8353 blocks/ULBs.

In alignment with the National Education Policy, 2020, PM SHRI scheme has a provision to saturate PM SHRI schools with various components such as computer lab/ICT lab/smart classrooms, library with good furniture, internet facility, vocational skill education, guidance and career counselling, fully equipped integrated science lab/physics lab/chemistry lab/biology lab, playground with well-equipped sports facilities, school innovation council, youth and eco club for mission life, Building as Learning Aid (BaLa) features and jaadui pitara for primary school children, 10 bagless days for students, child tracking software for tracking the children attendance, fully functioning handwashing facility and toilets, green school features etc.

(b): Under the PM SHRI scheme, a total of 13,076 schools have been selected from 33 States/UTs along with KVS, NVS, and NCERT. The State/UT/KVS/NVS/NCERT-wise number of schools selected under PM SHRI scheme is attached as **Annexure-I**.

The criteria adopted by the Government for selecting the schools under the PM SHRI scheme are provided under “Selection Methodology” of the PM SHRI Framework, available at the link: https://pmshri.education.gov.in/assets/pdf/part1_pmshri.pdf.

(c): To improve infrastructure, PM SHRI schools across the country including State of Gujarat are saturated with components such as BaLa feature and jaadui pitara, support at pre-school education, child friendly furniture, outdoor play materials etc. in primary and elementary schools and furniture, fully equipped integrated science lab/physics lab/chemistry lab/ biology lab, smart classrooms, computer lab/ ICT Lab, skill lab, playground with well-equipped sports facilities etc. for secondary and senior secondary schools.

Under the PM SHRI Scheme, strengthening of teacher training is done through District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs). There is financial provision of up to ₹3.00 lakh per DIET for capacity-building programmes of PM SHRI schools, along with assistance of up to ₹2,500 per teacher for training of subject teachers, principals, special educators, ICT teachers, and master trainers. School principals are trained in leadership, management, and competency-based pedagogical planning. Teachers are also trained on the Holistic Progress Card, school safety and security, mental health and well-being, first-level counselling, and integration of ICT in teaching-learning practices thereby enhancing overall teaching quality and school leadership in PM SHRI schools.

Further, PM SHRI scheme has a provision to incorporate digital learning in PM SHRI schools by establishing ICT labs, smart classrooms, computer labs, internet facility 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.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 500 ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026 ASKED BY SHRI BRIJ LAL, SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI, SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR, DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE, SMT. REKHA SHARMA, SMT. SEEMA DWIVEDI, SMT. MAYA NAROLIYA, DR. DINESH SHARMA, SHRI AMAR PAL MAURYA, SHRI SUBHASH BARALA, SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH, DR. KAVITA PATIDAR, DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI, SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY, DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI, SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE AND SHRI NARESH BANSAL, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING “EXPANSION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PM SHRI SCHOOLS”

The States/UTs/KVS/NVS/NCERT-wise details of number of schools selected under the PM SHRI scheme in the country are as follows:

S.No.	States/UTs/KVS/NVS/NCERT	Number of PM SHRI schools
1	A & N ISLANDS	16
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	935
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	93
4	ASSAM	382
5	BIHAR	836
6	CHANDIGARH	2
7	CHHATTISGARH	341
8	DNH & DD	7
9	DELHI	6
10	GOA	28
11	GUJARAT	463
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	199
13	HARYANA	250
14	JAMMU & KASHMIR	396
15	JHARKHAND	363
16	KARNATAKA	585
17	LADAKH	37
18	LAKSHADWEEP	11
19	MADHYA PRADESH	799
20	MAHARASHTRA	860
21	MANIPUR	121
22	MEGHALAYA	65
23	MIZORAM	35
24	NAGALAND	49
25	ODISHA	762
26	PUDUCHERRY	12
27	PUNJAB	356
28	RAJASTHAN	639
29	SIKKIM	47
30	TELANGANA	794
31	TRIPURA	84
32	UTTARAKHAND	241
33	UTTAR PRADESH	1725
34	KVS	913
35	NVS	620
36	NCERT	4
Total		13076
