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Expansion of PM SHRI Schools scheme

1166 **Shri Bhashyam Rama Krishna:**

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

- (a) the current status of implementation of the PM SHRI Schools scheme, including the progress made in States like Andhra Pradesh where schools have already been selected under Phase-1;
- (b) whether Government proposes to expand the scheme to cover more schools in a phased manner, especially in rural and semi-urban areas, particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure timely release of funds, teacher training and infrastructure upgradation so that selected schools can fully realise the objectives of the National Education Policy, 2020?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) is a centrally sponsored scheme which aims to strengthen more than 14,500 schools across the country. As of now, a total of 13,092 schools have been selected as PM SHRI schools from 33 States/UTs along with KVS/NVS/NCERT. These PM SHRI schools 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.

In Andhra Pradesh, a total of 982 PM SHRI schools including 47 Central Government schools (32 Kendriya Vidyalayas and 15 Navodaya Vidyalayas) have been selected. The details of PM SHRI schools may be accessed on the website of PM SHRI scheme at the link: <https://pmsfri.education.gov.in/state>.

In alignment with the National Education Policy, 2020, PM SHRI scheme has a provision to saturate these PM SHRI schools with 21 NEP components such as computer lab/ICT lab/smart classrooms, library with good furniture, internet facility, 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.

Further, PM SHRI scheme also has a provision to improve digital infrastructure 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.

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, the department has undertaken following steps in the PM SHRI scheme for timely release of funds:

- i. Monitoring of expenditure through a separate PRABANDH Portal (<https://prabandh.education.gov.in/pmshri/>) developed by NIC, enabling monitoring of utilisation and outcomes under various components approved by PAB.
- ii. Conduct of regular reviews with States/UTs to assess progress.
- iii. A dedicated PM SHRI schools activities portal (<https://pmshri.education.gov.in/sqaf/activities>) has been developed to capture real- time data from schools, including student-level outcomes, infrastructure readiness, component-wise saturation, and progress on key indicators.
- iv. Field visits by officials for on-ground monitoring of the PM SHRI schools under the scheme.
