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Atal Tinkering Labs

1952 **Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal:**

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

- (a) the physical progress of upgrading selected existing Government schools into model institutions under the PM SHRI scheme;
- (b) the total number of Atal Tinkering Labs and digital smart classrooms established in these schools during the last year;
- (c) whether specific green school practices, including solar electrification and rainwater harvesting, have been mandatorily implemented;
- (d) the details of the financial assistance released to the State Governments to enhance sports and extracurricular infrastructure in these schools; and
- (e) the steps taken to recruit specialized vocational trainers?

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 across the country. As of now, a total of 13,092 schools have been selected as PM SHRI schools across States/UTs along with KVS/NVS/NCERT.

In alignment with the National Education Policy, 2020, PM SHRI scheme has a provision to saturate PM SHRI schools across the country with 21 NEP 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, 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. As reported by States/UTs in PAB of FY 2026-27, PM SHRI schools have achieved 94.64% saturation under above mentioned components.

(b): In line with the proposal from States/UTs, during FY 2025–26, under the digital smart classroom component, 3,748 PM SHRI Schools (Elementary, Secondary and Senior Secondary) were approved with digital smart classroom facilities across States/UTs.

(c): In alignment with the National Education Policy, 2020, PM SHRI scheme has a provision to saturate PM SHRI schools across the country with 21 NEP components including green school features such as rainwater harvesting, energy efficient using solar panels and LED lightings, solar electrification, nutrition gardens with natural farming, waste management, plastic-free, water conservation and harvesting.

(d): Under the PM SHRI Scheme, financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for strengthening sports and extracurricular infrastructure to promote the holistic development of students in line with the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020. Support for sports infrastructure includes the development of playgrounds, sports courts, indoor and outdoor sports facilities, sports equipment, and coaching for sports. Support for extracurricular infrastructure includes gymnasiums, band sets, musical instruments, and activities such as archery training, nature camps, and educational visits.

Financial assistance of ₹510.87 crore has been approved for sports activities, while ₹107.46 crore has been approved for extracurricular infrastructure for PM SHRI Schools across States/UTs.

(e): To ensure the availability of qualified vocational trainers, the Scheme provides financial assistance for engagement of Skill Trainers at ₹20,000–25,000 per month per job role, resource persons including Skill Knowledge Providers, Guest Faculty, skilled and semi-skilled rural artisans and crafts persons.
