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RAJYA SABHA
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Smart class facilities in schools in Bihar

1965 # **Shri Sanjay Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that smart class facilities are available in only 8.8 percent of schools in Bihar and that the remaining schools still rely on traditional blackboards;
- (b) the time by when smart class facilities will be made available in the remaining schools; and
- (c) whether the Ministry is considering any special package, additional funding or a phased action plan to accelerate the expansion of digital education in Bihar?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): 'Education' is in List-III (Concurrent List) of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India and majority of the schools are under the administrative control of the State Governments / Union Territory (UT) Administrations. As per UDISE+ (Unified District Information System for Education Plus) 2025-26, smart classrooms are available in 14,648 schools of Bihar

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for various interventions including Smart Classrooms. Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) is prepared by the respective States/UTs, including Bihar, based on their requirements and priorities. AWP&B is then appraised/approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) as per the programmatic and financial norms of the scheme and availability of budgetary resources. Under the scheme *lump sum* funds are released to the States/UTs and further distribution of funds, component-wise, is done by the respective States/UTs including Bihar. During the financial year 2025–26, with a view to improve availability of ICT Laboratories, Smart Classrooms, and subject-specific laboratories, an amount

of ₹2400.11 Crore was approved under Samagra Shiksha, for the State of Bihar, including Rs.146.71 Crore for 6,113 Smart Classrooms.
