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Digital education in Tribal Areas of Odisha

2751 **Shri Manas Ranjan Mangaraj:**

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

- (a) the steps taken to promote digital education in tribal and remote areas of Odisha;
- (b) the number of schools covered under such initiatives;
- (c) the funds released till date; and
- (d) the present status of implementation?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Education is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and majority of the schools come under the purview of the respective State Government. Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, State Government is supported based on annual plans prepared by the State based on their requirements and priority and this is reflected in their respective Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) proposals which are then appraised and approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in the Department of School Education & Literacy in consultation with the State as per the programmatic and financial norms of the scheme, and physical and financial progress of the State for the interventions approved. Under Samagra Shiksha Rs 1794.23 cr. has been released during 2026-27 to the State of Odisha.

Under the centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to all States/UTs including tribal and remote areas of State of Odisha, for setting up of ICT Labs, Smart Classrooms and digital education initiatives in Government Schools.

As per the Prabandh Portal, till date, a total of 10,601 ICT Labs and 11,776 Smart Classrooms have been approved in the State of Odisha.

A comprehensive initiative called PM e-Vidya was launched as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan on 17th May, 2020, which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education across the country including the State of Odisha. Out of 200 PM e-Vidya DTH TV Channels, the State of Odisha has been allocated 5 channels (Ch No. 138 to 142) to offer high quality education content in Odia language.

Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) is the Nation's One Nation, One Digital platform for providing quality e-content for school education in States/UTs along with QR coded Energised Textbooks (ETBs) for all grades. On DIKSHA, Odisha has 6.04 lakh registered users, 169 energised textbooks (ETBs) and 12,700+ e-content.

The State Govt. of Odisha, has informed that schools have been equipped with Robotics Lab (807 schools), Tablets (10000 Upper Primary Schools and 96718 schools for Teacher resource package), ICT Facility to BRCCs (Computer) (316 schools), Smart Class in Elementary and

Secondary Schools (6974 schools), Digital Assessment Lab (980 Secondary schools), Digital Library (37 Hr. Secondary schools), Atal Tinkering Lab (363 Secondary schools), ICT Enabled Facility to Primary Schools (8044 schools), Setting of ICT facility in Type-IV KGBVs (42 Schools), Setting of ICT facility in Type-III KGBVs (182 schools), Provision of Braille Laptop to VI Students (343 Schools), E-Library (8679 schools).
