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E-learning access in Kushinagar Constituency

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

- (a) whether Government has taken proactive measures to improve digital connectivity and e-learning access in the rural blocks of the Kushinagar Parliamentary Constituency;
- (b) if so, the number of village-level Government schools successfully equipped with high speed internet and educational content servers during 2025-26;
- (c) whether the provision of free digital tablets has effectively enabled economically weaker students to access premium State educational materials;
- (d) the details of digital literacy workshops conducted for students and parents to ensure the effective utilization of these technologies; and
- (e) the future steps planned to establish regional e-content hubs to create supplementary academic resources catering to local student requirements?

ANSWER

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

(a): Education is part of the Concurrent List of the Constitution and most of the Government schools are under the administration of the State Government and its bodies. Ministry of Education implements ICT and Digital initiatives such as PM eVidya, DIKSHA and SWAYAM under Samagra Shiksha to enhance digital learning in Government schools across the country including the rural blocks of Kushinagar Parliamentary constituency. The initiatives aim to enhance the quality of education by integrating technology into teaching and learning processes. Under the scheme, funds are provided for setting up ICT Labs and Smart Classrooms according to the requirement of State submitted in the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B).

(b): To improve digital connectivity and e-learning access in the rural blocks of Kushinagar constituency, Smart Classrooms and other ICT initiatives have been implemented in 533 Basic and 207 Secondary Schools. All the Smart Classrooms

have internet connection. The State Education Department has issued academic calendar in each school to encourage daily use of ICT from Class 6 onwards for effective utilisation of these technologies.

(c): As informed by the State of UP, In Parishadiya schools, the State has distributed 2,61,530 tablets for digital improvement in education. Through this, students including those from economically weaker section have access to a comprehensive initiative called PM eVidya, which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education across the country. States/UTs collaborate with NCERT to utilise, monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of these initiatives as per their requirements and also receive regular guidance/feedback on the quality of these initiatives. Further, content on DIKSHA and SWAYAM are also delivered through these tablets.

(d): The key components of PM eVidya are also aligned towards enhancing digital literacy and include five dedicated DTH TV channels for the State of Uttar Pradesh (UP PM eVIDYA 173–177). These channels along with DIKSHA platform run programmes and courses on enhancing digital literacy among students, teachers and parents. Additionally, these channels also provide supplementary education in various Indian languages for classes 1-12.

(e): Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA), a One Nation, One Digital platform, is already providing quality e-content for school education in States/UTs along with QR coded Energised Textbooks (ETBs) for all grades. As a participant in DIKSHA, States/UTs/Autonomous Bodies (ABs) have generated and contributed over 3.67 lakh content in local/regional languages enabling multilingualism. Overall, 579.41 crore learning sessions for 2.29 crore users have been completed on DIKSHA by students, teachers and other stakeholders. The stakeholders also have access to more than 836 Virtual Labs on DIKSHA that help them with simulation of real-world laboratory environment. The platform supports both online and offline access, enabling learners to download content and continue learning without internet connectivity. On DIKSHA, Uttar Pradesh has 26.89 lakh registered users. The State has produced 254 Energised Textbooks and 17,000+ e-content and made them available on the platform. These digital initiatives provide free curriculum aligned e-content to students, parents and teachers for supplementary academic resources.
