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RAJYA SABHA
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Strengthening of educational infrastructure in Rajasthan

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

- (a) the projects currently approved for the expansion of Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, and Central Universities in Rajasthan;
- (b) the quantum of funds sanctioned by the Central Government for these projects;
- (c) the special assistance provided to strengthen the infrastructure for higher education and school education in the State; and
- (d) the likely timeline for the completion of these projects?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The Government of India has sanctioned 85 new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs), in December 2024, including 09 KVs (07 made functional) in the State of Rajasthan, 57 new KVs in October 2025, including 02 KVs (01 made functional) in Rajasthan and 05 new Navodaya Vidyalayas (NVs) in June, 2026, including 01 additional NV in the State of Rajasthan. At present, 85 KVs and 36 NVs are functioning in the State of Rajasthan.

The budgetary support is provided to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) every year as Grants-in-Aid under three distinct Heads of Account viz. Salaries, General and Creation of Capital Assets for opening and functioning of KVs and NVs. Funds are not allocated to KVS and NVS State/UT/district-wise. An amount of Rs. 10129.41 crore and Rs. 6025.00 crore has been allocated to KVS and NVS, respectively for the current financial year i.e. 2026-27.

Construction of permanent buildings and expansion of KVs and NVs is a continuous process, which depends upon identification of suitable land, completion of transfer / lease formalities in favour of KVS and NVS by the sponsoring authorities, submission of drawings / estimates by construction agency, availability of funds and requisite approvals etc.

PM SHRI scheme aims to establish more than 14500 schools by strengthening the existing schools from amongst those managed by Central Government/State/UT Government/local bodies. These schools are to showcase all the initiatives of National Education Policy 2020 and emerge as exemplar schools over a period of time, and also offer leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood. The Scheme also focus on further strengthening/ improvements the infrastructure and other amenities such as ICT Labs, Science Labs, Digital Libraries, Lab equipments, Smart class rooms, LED lighting etc. in the existing schools. An amount of Rs. 262.77 crore has been allocated under the scheme, as Central Government Share for the State of Rajasthan for the financial year 2026-27.

Under Samagra Shiksha, the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education provides financial assistance to States and Union Territories, including Rajasthan, for universalization of school education. An amount of Rs. 2809.32 crore has been allocated, as Central Government Share for the State of Rajasthan for the financial year 2026-27.

At present, Central University, Ajmer is functioning in the State of Rajasthan. Under Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA), a total amount of Rs. 326.88 crores have been sanctioned for 10 projects in Central University of Rajasthan (02 projects are completed) from financial year 2019-20 to till date.

PM-USHA is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at funding specific State Government Universities and Colleges, so as to improve their quality by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards. Under the Scheme, support is provided to States/UTs for strengthening infrastructure, including construction of hostels, academic and administrative buildings, laboratories and other facilities required for improving access and quality in higher education.

Under the Scheme, in the State of Rajasthan, a total of 164 units have been approved for a total amount of Rs. 950.41 Crore, including 34 units approved under PM-USHA for a total amount of Rs. 333.30 Crore. Under the Scheme, 14 Universities, 145 Colleges and 4 districts are approved including 1 unit of Preparatory Grant to the State, under various components like Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU), Research Innovation & Quality Improvement (RIQI), Infrastructure Grants to Colleges (IGC), New Colleges (Professional & Technical), New Model Degree Colleges (NMDC), etc.
