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PM SHRI Schools in Punjab

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

- (a) the number of PM SHRI Schools sanctioned and operational in Punjab;
- (b) the funds sanctioned and released during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government proposes to sanction additional PM SHRI Schools in Punjab; and
- (d) the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) 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. These PM SHRI schools showcase all the initiatives of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, be the exemplar schools, and also offer benchmarking leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood. They provide leadership in their respective regions in providing high-quality education in an equitable, inclusive and joyful school environment that takes care of the diverse background, multilingual needs, and different academic abilities of children and makes them active participants in their own learning process as per the vision of NEP 2020.

As per the PM SHRI guidelines, a maximum of two schools per block/Urban Local Body (ULB) are selected with an upper limit on the total number of schools across India. Under PM SHRI scheme, a total of 356 PM SHRI schools have been selected from the State of Punjab. The details of PM SHRI schools may be accessed on the website of PM SHRI scheme at the link: <https://pms shri .education.gov.in/state>.

The criteria adopted by the Government for selecting the schools under the PM SHRI scheme are provided under “Selection Methodology” of the PM SHRI Framework, available at the link: https://pms shri .education.gov.in/assets/pdf/part1_pms shri .pdf.

The details of funds approved and released to the State of Punjab under the PM SHRI scheme since its onboarding in FY 2024-25 is as follows:

(₹ in crore)

Financial Year	Approved PAB outlay	Central Share of Approved PAB outlay	Total Central Share released
2024-25	209.46	125.68	94.26
2025-26	346.36	207.82	174.49*
2026-27	233.51	140.11	13.30*

* Since FY 2025-26, PM SHRI has onboarded on SNA SPARSH, therefore, this figure is the Mother Sanction issued.
