

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3596  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2019**

**School Education**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is preparing a plan for the construction of infrastructure training to improve the standard of education at the school level in the current financial year, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has fixed any target to convert the Government schools into smart schools and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of work undertaken and progress made thereunder in this direction?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched an Integrated Scheme for School Education – Samagra Shiksha w.e.f. 2018-19, which subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). The new integrated scheme envisages school education as a continuum from pre-school to senior secondary level and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education. The major interventions under the scheme are: (i) Universal Access including Infrastructure Development and Retention; (ii) Gender and Equity; (iii) Inclusive Education; (iv) Quality; (v) Financial support for Teacher Salary; (vi) Digital initiatives; (vii) Entitlements under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 including uniforms, textbooks etc.; (viii) Pre-school Education; (ix) Vocational Education; (x) Sports and Physical Education; (xi) Strengthening of Teacher Education and Training; and (xii) Monitoring of the scheme. Its main features, inter alia, are as follows:

- (i) Universalizing access to quality school education by expansion of schooling facilities in the uncovered areas through up-gradation of schools up-to senior secondary level.
- (ii) Ensuring availability of adequate infrastructure to ensure that schools conform to the prescribed norms through strengthening of existing schools.

- (iii) Annual Grant of Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 20,000/- per school for strengthening of Libraries.
- (iv) Annual Composite school grant of Rs. 25,000-1 Lakh to be allocated on the basis of school enrolment out of which at least 10% is required to be spent on Swachhata Action Plan.
- (v) Annual Grant for sports equipments at the cost of Rs. 5000 for Primary Schools, Rs. 10,000 for upper primary schools and up to Rs. 25,000 for secondary and senior secondary schools.
- (vi) Allocation for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) of Rs. 3,500 per child per annum including a stipend of Rs. 200 per month for CWSN girls to be provided from Classes I to XII.
- (vii) Allocation for uniforms at the rate of Rs. 600 per child per annum.
- (viii) Allocation for textbooks at the rate of Rs. 250/400 per child per annum.
- (ix) Upgradation of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) from Class 6-8 to Class 6-12.
- (x) Strengthening Teacher Education Institutions like SCERTs and DIETs to improve the quality of teachers.
- (xi) Enhanced use of digital technology in education through smart classrooms, digital boards and DTH channels.
- (xii) Support States & UTs for implementation of provisions of RTE Act, including reimbursement under Section 12(1)(c) of the Act.
- (xiii) Setting up of residential schools and hostels for difficult areas and for children in difficult circumstances.
- (xiv) The scheme also provides for annual maintenance and repair of existing school building, toilets and other facilities to upkeep the infrastructure in good condition.

(b) & (c) There is no provision for setting up of Smart Schools under Samagra Shiksha guidelines. However, under Samagra Shiksha, funding is provided for setting up of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) labs in schools at a unit cost of Rs. 6.4 lakh per school.

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