GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1923 ANSWERED ON – 19/12/2022

Transformation in Education by PM SHRI Schools

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding the implementation of PM SHRI Scheme;
- (b) the salient features of PM SHRI schools and their benefit to students belonging to rural areas;
- (c) the methods of transformational education, the PM SHRI schools will impart in the line of New Education Policy, 2020; and
- (d) the number of schools proposed to be transformed into PM SHRI schools, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (d) The Cabinet has approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme named Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) on 7th September, 2022. These schools demonstrate the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 and become exemplar schools over time, offering guidance to other schools in the neighbourhood. They provide leadership in their respective regions in offering high-quality education in an equitable, inclusive, and joyful school environment that accommodates the diverse backgrounds, multilingual needs, and different academic abilities of children, empowering them to take an active role in their own learning process, aligning with the vision of the National Education Policy 2020. This initiative is intended to prepare PM SHRI Schools in which every student feels welcomed and cared for, where a safe and stimulating learning environment exists, where a wide range of learning experiences are offered, and where good physical infrastructure and appropriate resources conducive to learning are available to all students. These schools incorporating environment friendly aspects like Energy efficient using solar panels and LED lightings, nutrition gardens with natural farming, waste management, plastic free, water conservation and harvesting, study of traditions/practises related to protection of environment, climate change related hackathons and awareness generation to incorporate organic lifestyle.

Under the scheme there is provision of setting up of more than 14500 PM SHRI Schools by strengthening the existing schools from amongst schools managed by Central government/State/UT Government/local bodies. Also, there is a provision of maximum two schools (one Elementary & one Secondary/Senior Secondary) per block/ULB with upper limit of number of total schools across India.