

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1746**  
ANSWERED ON 13/02/2023

**Internet Connectivity in Schools**

1746. DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to provide internet connectivity to all schools in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of efforts, achievements in this regard along with the status of the progress so far;
- (c) the challenges faced by the Government in achieving the target;
- (d) the details of schools having internet connection along with schools equipped with computer labs with adequate seating capacity in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (e) the details of funds allocated to Tamil Nadu for this purpose during each of the last three years, year-wise; and
- (f) whether the Government has received any request from State Government of Tamil Nadu to help them to cover more and more schools with internet connectivity and if so, the response of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c): Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the school are under the administrative control of respective State Government and UT Administration. An advisory has been issued by the Dept. of School Education and Literary, Government of India to all the States and UTs to enter into an MoU / Agreement with BSNL and provide FTTH Internet connection to all the Government Schools which have computing devices. States / UTs have been advised that the Internet Charges can be met from the following:

- For ICT Labs / Smart Class rooms sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha, internet charges can be met from the recurring charges being released under Samagra Shiksha.

- For Schools in which ICT / Smart Class room are not sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha and which have computing devices, internet Charges can be met from the Management monitoring Evaluation and Research (MMER) funds being released under Samagra Shiksha or can be met from any other State/UT Govt. funds.

The details of internet facility in schools States/UTs wise is at **Annexure –I**.

(d) to (f): Under Centrally Sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha financial assistance is provided as per the fund sharing pattern as decided by the Ministry of Finance. Under the scheme, the annual plans are prepared by the States and UTs based on their requirements and priority and this is reflected in their respective Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) Proposals. These plans are then appraised and approved/estimated by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in the Department of School Education & Literacy in consultation with the States and UTs as per the programmatic and financial norms of the scheme, and physical and financial progress of the State for the interventions approved earlier. Further, the funds are released on the basis of submission of Audited Accounts, Utilization Certificate, physical and financial progress and other documents as prescribed under the Financial Management & Procurement (FMP) Manual of Samagra Shiksha.

In the State of Tamil Nadu 9292 Govt. Schools have internet facility and 5815 Govt. Schools are having ICT Labs. ICT Labs and Smart Class rooms sanctioned in the State of Tamil Nadu in the last 3 years both physical and financial are in **Annexure – II**.

\*\*\*\*\*

## ANNEXURE-I

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1746 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S. REGARDING INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN SCHOOLS.**

States/UTs	Total Govt. Schools	Having Internet Facility
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	342	133
Andhra Pradesh	45137	20313
Arunachal Pradesh	2985	458
Assam	45490	4680
Bihar	75558	4421
Chandigarh	123	123
Chhattisgarh	48743	16469
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	388	194
Delhi	2762	2762
Goa	814	299
Gujarat	34699	32681
Haryana	14562	4345
Himachal Pradesh	15380	4175
Jammu & Kashmir	23173	5169
Jharkhand	35840	12052
Karnataka	49679	5308
Kerala	5010	4738
Ladakh	838	342
Lakshadweep	38	37
Madhya Pradesh	92695	16469
Maharashtra	65639	18540
Manipur	2889	340
Meghalaya	7783	1111
Mizoram	2563	153
Nagaland	1960	850
Odisha	49072	3970
Puducherry	422	422
Punjab	19259	9013
Rajasthan	68948	36889
Sikkim	864	231
Tamilnadu	37636	9292
Telangana	30023	2772
Tripura	4262	682
Uttar Pradesh	137024	12074
Uttarakhand	16484	2575
West Bengal	83302	12918
<b>India</b>	<b>1022386</b>	<b>247000</b>

Source : UDISE+ 2021-22

\*\*\*\*\*

**ANNEXURE-II**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) to (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1746 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S. REGARDING INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN SCHOOLS.**

*(Financial in Crore)*

State	2019-20 ICT Labs		2020-21 ICT Labs		2021-22 ICT Labs	
	Physical	Financial	Physical	Financial	Physical	Financial
Tamil Nadu	-	-	441	54.29	1893	149.87

*(Financial in Crore)*

State	Smart Class rooms 2019-20		Smart Class rooms 2020-21		Smart Class rooms 2021-22	
	Physical	Financial	Physical	Financial	Physical	Financial
Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	-	865	20.76

\*\*\*\*\*