

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 324**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023

**SCHOOLS RUN BY DRDO**

324. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the reason for suspension of central funds to support the schools run by DRDO;
- (b) the details of percentage of funds out of DRDO budget required to run these schools;
- (c) the details of staff who will be rendered unemployed after the closure of these schools; and
- (d) the details of students who will have to be reinstated after the closure of these schools and plans to do the same?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): No Schools are being run by DRDO. There are societies run 11 schools at various Labs of DRDO which are partially funded to the extent of deficit in their revenue by DRDO Hqrs. These societies are registered in different states as per Society Registration Act. Two Kendriya Vidyalaya are under Project Sector Scheme of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. One of the schools is being run by Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan. A very small school at Mussoorie with less than twenty children of DRDO employees has been closed.

In order to focus more actively on its core areas of Defence Research and Development, a decision has been taken by the Government to exit the running and management of Seven schools out of the Eleven society run aided schools at various labs of DRDO with partial financial support. Accordingly, steps are in process to achieve the above-stated aim.

(b): The Annual Financial Assistance in the year 2022-23 is Rs. 22, 87, 43,715/- which is 0.108 % of total budget of DRDO in 2022-23.

(c): There are 147 nos. of regular staff working in these 07 schools. At present, efforts are being made to hand over these 07 society run schools at various Labs of DRDO to reputed Educational Societies through Expression of Interest mode. As the efforts are underway, DRDO does not apprehend unemployment of the staff because of the above decision.

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(d): There are 3441 nos. of students studying in these schools. At present, efforts are being made to hand over these 07 society run schools at various Labs of DRDO to reputed Educational Societies through Expression of Interest mode. As the process is underway, DRDO does not apprehend that studies of the students of these partially funded society run Lab schools will be affected in any form.

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