

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2854**  
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**LOAN FOR SAMAGRA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN**

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**SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken loan from the Asian Development Bank to finance the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of amount of loan and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the loan amount raised by the Government from the Asian Development Bank during the last five years;
- (d) whether the Government has stopped implementation of any scheme or has scrapped the budget allocation meant to promote literacy and due to which the target of basic literacy has been seriously hampered due to global pandemic;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (f) the plan of the Government to provide incentives to girls;
- (g) the reasons for the 35 per cent shortfall in allocation under the Digital India e-learning programme; and
- (h) the time limit fixed for setting up Digital University?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme for School Education, Samagra Shiksha, effective from the year 2018-19. The revamped Samagra Shiksha scheme has been aligned with the recommendations of National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 and has been continued for a period of five years with effect from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2026. Under Samagra Shiksha, the fund sharing pattern is in the ratio of 60:40 between Centre and State for all States and Union Territories with Legislature except for the 8 North-Eastern States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura and 2 Himalayan States viz. Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand and UT of Jammu and Kashmir, where it is 90:10. It is 100% centrally sponsored for Union Territories without Legislature. The Funds for Samagra Shiksha are from Central & State Governments /UTs only as above.

(d) & (e): Ministry of Education has announced a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, “New India Literacy Programme” (NILP), in alignment with the recommendations of NEP 2020, which aims to

cover a target of 5.00 crore non-literate learners in the age group of 15 years and above during the five years (2022-27). The total financial outlay approved for NILP for five years (FYs 2022-23 to 2026-27) is Rs.1037.90 crore.

(f): Under Samagra Shiksha, various interventions have been targeted for providing quality education to girls, which include opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, free uniform and text-books to girls up to class VIII, additional teachers and residential quarters for teachers in remote/hilly areas, appointment of additional teachers including women teachers, stipend to CWSN girls from class I to class XII, separate toilets for girls, teachers' sensitization programmes to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching-learning materials including text books etc. Further, to reduce gender gaps at all levels of school education, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs), which are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and Below Poverty Line (BPL), are sanctioned in Educationally Backward Blocks.

In addition, meritorious girls belonging to the Economically Weaker Section can avail the benefit of Scholarship under National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme. The scholarships are awarded to meritorious students, whose parental income from all sources is not more than Rs. 3,50,000/- per annum to arrest their drop out at class VIII and encourage them to continue the study at secondary stage.

(g): Education is a subject in the concurrent list of the constitution and majority of schools come under the purview of the State and UT Governments. Under Samagra Shiksha, funds are provided to the States & UTs for setting up ICT labs and Smart Classrooms in schools, as per appraisal of the proposals received from the States/UTs in their Annual Work Plan. The details of the fund approved for ICT and Smart Classrooms under Samagra Shiksha for the years 2020-21 to 2023-24 are as under:

*(Rs. in crore)*

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
ICT	704.6	1003.8	988.2	1383.2
Smart Classrooms	231.8	909.6	787.4	634.2

*(Source: Prabandh)*

(h): The Government of India, in its Budget Announcement 2022-23, has announced establishment of Digital University. It will provide access to students across the country for world-class quality universal education with personalised learning experience at their doorsteps. The salient feature of the Digital University is a networked hub-spoke model, with the hub building cutting edge ICT expertise by partnering with various top institutions such as IIT-Madras, Delhi University, IIT-Delhi, IIT-Kharagpur, etc.

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