562. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has data regarding the schools covered under Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India scheme in Kerala and if so, the details regarding the same, district-wise;
(b) whether the Government has data regarding the projects considered under PM SHRI for the State of Kerala and if so, the details regarding Kozhikode;
(c) whether the Government has data regarding the funds being granted for development of basic infrastructure at primary, secondary and tertiary schools of Kozhikode; and
(d) whether the Government has observed any lapse of funds granted to Government of Kerala by the Ministry of Education and if so, the details thereof?

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 will showcase the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and emerge as exemplar schools over a period of time, and also offer leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood. They will provide leadership in their respective regions in providing high-quality education in an equitable, inclusive and joyful school environment that takes care of the diverse background, multilingual needs, and different academic abilities of children and makes them active participants in their own learning process as per the vision of NEP 2020.

States and UTs were asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L), Ministry of Education, Government of India, for implementation of PM SHRI scheme. However, State Government of Kerala has not signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with DoSE&L, MoE so far.

Under Centrally Sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha financial assistance is provided to the State/UTs for the various intervention including basic infrastructure approved by Project Approval Board (PAB) as per their requirement. During the financial year 2023-24, an amount of Rs 530.54 lakh has been approved for strengthening of the existing schools in Kerala, with Rs 79.70 lakh allocated specifically for Kozhikode district. The funds are released in instalments 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.