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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 245

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RENOVATION OF OLD BUILDINGS OF SCHOOLS IN KARNATAKA

245. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that a large number of buildings of primary and secondary Government schools in Karnataka are very old;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government to renovate such old school buildings;

(c) whether the Government has issued guidelines for analysing and renovating school buildings to ensure the safety of children and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government provides funds for ensuring the safety of school buildings;

(e) if so, the details of the funds granted in this regard along with the funds utilised by the State of Karnataka since 2019; and

(f) whether any study has been conducted by the Government for the structural strength of the Central and the State Government schools at Mandya and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a & b): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, various aspects of school education such as infrastructure facilities including major repairs in respect of school buildings, are reviewed from time to time. Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) is prepared by the States and UTs based on their requirements and priorities and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education at the beginning of every year. These plans are then appraised and approved by PAB in consultation with the States

and UTs as per the programmatic and financial norms of the Scheme and availability of budgetary resources.

A sum of Rs. 4658.25 lakh was allocated to State of Karnataka for infrastructure facilities under Samagra Shiksha for the year 2022-23. In addition, as a special case, an allocation of Rs.14342.40 lakh was made for Karnataka for rejuvenation of basic infrastructure in Govt. Schools in the year 2022-23. In the current Financial Year 2023-24, Rs. 2609.00 Lakh has been allocated for infrastructure facilities.

(c): Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India issued guidelines dated 01.10.2021 on School Safety and Security. The guidelines address inter alia various dimensions of safety and security of children studying in Government, Government-aided and Private Schools and contain provisions for fixing the accountability of the school management in the matter. These guidelines have been circulated to all States/UTs and Autonomous Bodies of DoSEL. These guidelines are uploaded on the website of DoSEL at [guidelines_sss.pdf \(education.gov.in\)](https://www.education.gov.in/guidelines_sss.pdf) .

(d) to (f): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to States for infrastructure facilities through direct programme funding and also in convergence with other relevant schemes of the Central and State Governments. In the period 2018-19 to 2023-24, 11012 major repair works have been sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha, out of which 8348 have been completed. For this purpose, an amount of Rs. 4991.71 lakh was allocated for these works, out of which Rs. 755.34 lakh has been expended. Further, an amount of Rs. 90 lakh for 7 Major Repair Works in respect of Mandya district in Karnataka have been approved. Structural study of school buildings of JNV Mandya was conducted by Faculty of Engineering – Civil Bangalore University during September, 2021. In addition, measures such as providing amenities like compound walls and lighting around school premises through convergence and corporate social responsibility (CSR) endeavors are undertaken from time to time.
