

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

**LOK SABHA
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PM SHRI Schools in Uttar Pradesh

270. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently launched 928 PM SHRI Schools in Uttar Pradesh, in Lucknow on a single event and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the participants from 928 locations joined the launch event virtually and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the upgradation and modernization of more than 1000 schools under PM SHRI in Uttar Pradesh has already been completed and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether 1753 schools have been selected to be upgraded as PM SHRI schools in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government for improvements in school infrastructure such as smart classrooms, science laboratories, digital libraries and sports facilities, resulting in the development of integrated campuses for providing holistic school education?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The Cabinet has approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme named Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) on 7th September, 2022. These schools are to showcase the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 and emerge as exemplar schools over a period of time, and also offer leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood. Under the PM SHRI scheme, in first phase of selection, a total of 6207 schools have been selected from 29 States/UTs/KVS/NVS including 928 Schools against a total of 1753 Schools, in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Further the process of selection of schools for the second phase of the PM SHRI scheme is under process.

The Government of Uttar Pradesh organized launch of PM SHRI Scheme in the state on 4th January, 2024. Principals, Head Teachers, and Teachers from the 220 PM SHRI schools

physically attended the launch event in Lucknow. The representatives of remaining PM SHRI schools participated virtually through various online platforms.

The PM-SHRI schools envisage incorporating environment friendly aspects like Energy efficient using solar panels and LED lightings, nutrition gardens with natural farming, waste management, plastic free, water conservation and harvesting, study of traditions/practises related to protection of environment, climate change related hackathons, encouragement of usage of environment-friendly modes of transport and awareness generation to incorporate organic lifestyle. PM-SHRI schools are also promoting Early Childhood Care through Balvatika, regular health check-ups especially for 100% immunization, play-based learning, parent education programs to enhance parenting skills, age-appropriate toys and activities, exposure to books and storytelling. Further, digital pedagogy in PM-SHRI schools, are promoted through ICT and digital initiatives. This includes providing digital libraries with tablets containing pre-loaded educational content, Classroom Digital Boards, Smart Classrooms, Digital Content Creation, and technological interventions to support teachers and address language barriers.
