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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 306
ANSWERED ON 05/02/2024

**Information and Communication Technology
Facilities in Schools**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Government and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) assisted laboratories, smart classrooms and schools in the country especially in Bihar, West Bengal, Haryana and Maharashtra specifically in there Bhagalpur, Karakat, Sheohar, Hooghly, Sonipat and Amravati Parliamentary Constituencies;
- (b) whether there is any training mechanism available in these States for the teachers to upgrade their teaching skills and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any new initiatives are being taken by the Government to enhance the knowledge of students and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the PM SHRI Scheme is being implemented after signing of Memorandum of Understanding by the State of Maharashtra for upgradation of schools in the State and if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): ICT Labs have been approved in 135740 schools and Smart classrooms are approved in 103662 schools in the country. The details of ICT Labs and Smart Classrooms approved for Bihar, Haryana, Maharashtra and West Bengal and Bhagalpur, Karakat, Sheohar, Hooghly, Sonipat and Amravati Parliamentary Constituencies is as under: -

State	ICT Labs	Smart Classrooms	District	ICT Labs	Smart Classrooms
Bihar	7563	4846	Bhagalpur	272	128
			Karakat (Rohtas)	259	128
			Sheohar	60	32
Haryana	4277	3274	Sonipat	255	197
Maharashtra	10135	3501	Amravati	361	90
West Bengal	4024	0	Hooghly	256	0

Source: PRABANDH

Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the administrative control of respective State Government and UT Administration. The Department of School Education and Literacy launched a National Mission to improve learning outcomes at the Elementary level through an Integrated Teacher Training Programme called NISHTHA – National Initiative for School Heads’ and Teachers’ Holistic Advancement on 21st August, 2019. The aim of this integrated teacher training programme was to build the capacities of around 42 lakh teachers and Heads of Schools, faculty members of SCERTs and DIETs and Block Resource Coordinators and Cluster Resource Coordinators. In 2021-22 and 2022-23, NISHTHA has been extended to cover the following:

- **NISHTHA Secondary** completed with 68 modules including generic and subject specific modules covering around 7.97 lakh teachers.
- **NISHTHA Foundational Literacy & Numeracy** completed with 12 modules covering 12.97 lakh teachers. For this purpose, a customized FLN package for teachers teaching at foundational stage of education was designed covering the continuum from pre-school to the early primary grades, to meet the specific content and pedagogical requirements.
- **NISHTHA ECCE** initiated for training of Master Trainers with 6 courses. The aim is to orient the master trainers, make them aware of pedagogical practices meant for the ECCE stage. So far, 33,648 have been certified under NISHTHA ECCE.

Some States have not come on-board to avail these training programs despite persuasion.

Online courses are also offered through DIKSHA to develop the skills of the teachers and school heads. Till date there are **17.16 Crore enrolments** in DIKSHA for the courses offered by various states and UTs, including various centers. This includes teachers, students, parents, and other stakeholders.

(c): Samagra Shiksha scheme is an integrated scheme for school education covering the entire gamut from pre-school to class XII as a continuum. The scheme not only provides support for the implementation of the RTE Act but has also been aligned with the recommendations of NEP 2020 to ensure that all children have access to quality education with an equitable and inclusive classroom environment which should take care of their diverse background, multilingual needs, different academic abilities and make them active participants in the learning process.

The major interventions, across all levels of school education, under the Samagra Shiksha scheme are: (i) Early Childhood Care and Education (ii) Foundational Literacy and Numeracy

(iii) Universal Access including Infrastructure Development and Retention; (iv) RTE Entitlements including uniforms, textbooks etc. (v) Quality and Innovation (vi) Financial support for Teacher Salary (vii) Appointment of language Teachers (viii) Gender and Equity (ix) Inclusive Education (x) Strengthening of Teacher Education Institutions and Training (xi) Vocational Education (xii) ICT and Digital Initiatives (xiii) Sports and Physical Education (xiv) Monitoring and Programme Management and (xv) National Component.

In accordance with the NEP 2020, the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) has been released for Fundamental stage (FS) & School Education (SE) on 20th October, 2022 and 23rd August, 2023 respectively.

(d): 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. They 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.

In the first phase of selection of PM SHRI Schools, a total of 516 schools were selected as PM SHRI Schools from the state of Maharashtra. The district-wise details of the selected schools in the first phase of selection in Maharashtra under the PM-SHRI scheme is attached at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 306 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024 ASKED BY SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL, MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE, SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK, SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA, SHRI MAHABALI SINGH AND SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI REGARDING “INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS”.

The district wise details of selected schools in the first phase of selection in the State of Maharashtra under PM SHRI Scheme:

S. No.	District Name	Number of PM SHRI Schools
1	AHMEDNAGAR	21
2	AKOLA	11
3	AMRAVATI	18
4	AURANGABAD	11
5	BEED	13
6	BHANDARA	34
7	CHANDRAPUR	18
8	DHULE	7
9	GADCHIROLI	16
10	GONDIA	13
11	HINGOLI	5
12	JALGAON	18
13	JALNA	12
14	KOLHAPUR	18
15	LATUR	13
16	NAGPUR	21
17	NANDED	18
18	NANDURBAR	8
19	NASHIK	26
20	OSMANABAD	9
21	PALGHAR	11
22	PARBHANI	11
23	PUNE	23
24	RAIGAD	20
25	RATNAGIRI	13
26	SANGLI	14
27	SATARA	18
28	SINDHUDURG	13
29	SOLAPUR	23
30	THANE	14
31	WARDHA	13
32	WASHIM	7
33	YAVATMAL	26
	Total	516