GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4665 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2020

Educationally Backward Districts in Jharkhand

4665. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of educationally backward districts identified in Jharkhand and the proposed measures to develop the same;

(b) the details of the report on Performance Grading Index for the State of Jharkhand in 2017-18 and 2018-19; and

(c) the details of digital upgrading scheme of schools and the number of schools upgraded so far in Jharkhand as of January 2020, district-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a): There are 203 Educationally Backward Blocks in Bokaro, Chatra, Deoghar, Dhanbad, Dumka, Giridih, Godda, Gumla, Hazaribagh, Hazaribagh/ Garhwa, Koderma, Lohardaga, Pakaur, Palamu, Paschimi Singhbhum, Purbi Singhbhum, Ranchi and Sahibganj districts of Jharkhand. The Department of School Education & Literacy has launched a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme for School Education-Samagra Shiksha with effect from 2018-19 which subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). The scheme envisages school education as a continuum from pre-school to senior secondary level and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all. Under the scheme, preference is given to Special Focus Districts (SFDs), Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts while planning different interventions. The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas are also set up in Educationally Backward Blocks(EBBs) of a State/ Union Territory where the female rural literacy rate is below the national average.

Financial assistance is also provided to States and UTs for undertaking various activities to ensure universal access to education including opening/ strengthening of schools upto senior secondary level, construction of school buildings & additional classrooms, setting up of residential schools/ hostels, transport allowance and undertaking enrolment & retention drives and facilitating children with special needs for inclusive education including stipend to girl students with disability etc.

(b): Ministry of Human Resource Development has designed a 70 indicator based matrix Performance Grading Index(PGI) to grade the States/ UT. The grades obtained by the State of Jharkhand in PGI 2017-18 and 2018-19 are given below:

State	Grade in PGI		
	2017-18	2018-19	
Jharkhand	Grade V	Grade II	

Grade II- Score 751-800, Grade V- 601-650

(c): In order to provide digital access, there is a provision for setting up of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) laboratories in Government schools for classes VI to XII under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha. The details of schools as provided by the State of Jharkhand is at Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4665 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2020 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI JAYANT SINHA REGARDING "EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS IN JHARKHAND"

S No	District Name	No. of Schools where ICT is under implementation	No. of Schools provided Smart Class room facility under Various District Funds (CSR, DMFT, Aspirational etc.)
1	BOKARO	50	62
2	CHATRA	23	0
3	DEOGHAR	43	0
4	DHANBAD	80	0
5	DUMKA	36	0
6	GARHWA	28	14
7	GIRIDIH	50	0
8	GODDA	36	227
9	GUMLA	27	0
10	HAZARIBAG	67	0
11	JAMTARA	33	0
12	KHUNTI	26	41
13	KODARMA	19	0
14	LATEHAR	22	0
15	LOHARDAGA	14	6
16	PAKAUR	29	59
17	PALAMU	47	10
18	PASHCHIMI SINGHBHUM	56	20
19	PURBI SINGHBHUM	96	186
20	RAMGARH	41	10
21	RANCHI	80	0
22	SAHIBGANJ	26	25
23	SARAIKELA-KHARSAWAN	32	0
24	SIMDEGA	13	93
	JHARKHAND	974	753
