

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 963
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2021**

Infrastructure Facilities for Primary Schools

†963. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of primary schools in the country having no permanent building and facility of water and toilets, State-wise;
- (b) whether the number of primary schools in the country is adequate in proportion to its population and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the action plan formulated/ proposed to be formulated by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) State/UT-wise number of Government primary schools/ Government schools with primary sections in the country without drinking water facility, toilets and buildings is at Annexure.

(b) and (c) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, mandates the appropriate Government to provide free and compulsory elementary education to every child of the age 6 to 14 years in a neighbourhood school. In pursuance of Section 6 of the Act, the Central RTE Rules has notified the area or limits of neighbourhood as one kilometre, within which a primary school has to be established. The States have notified area or limits of their neighbourhood norms in their state RTE Rules, factoring in their State specific condition, for opening of schools.

As reported by States/UTs in their respective Annual Work Plan and Budget, 2020-21, 97.49% of habitations in the country are covered by primary schools. The

habitations that remain uncovered are mostly small or sparsely populated in difficult areas where opening of school is not feasible.

The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched an Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education – Samagra Shiksha w.e.f. 2018-19, which subsumes the three erstwhile Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). Under the erstwhile scheme of SSA and Samagra Shiksha, 2.04 lakh primary schools have been approved for ensuring universal availability of schooling facilities. For the remaining habitations, there is a provision of giving transport and escort facility, and opening of residential schools and hostels under the Samagra Shiksha scheme.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 963 FOR 08.02.2021 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI VIJAY KUMAR REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

Statement showing State/UT-wise number of Government primary schools/
Government schools with primary sections without drinking water facility, toilets and
buildings

S. No.	State/UT	Number of primary schools/schools with primary sections without Drinking water facility	Number of primary schools/schools with primary sections without Toilet	Number of primary schools/schools with primary sections without Building
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	0	4
2	Andhra Pradesh	6575	865	610
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1327	621	15
4	Assam	2427	805	664
5	Bihar	261	376	2065
6	Chandigarh	0	0	2
7	Chhattisgarh	299	300	372
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	1
9	Daman & Diu	0	0	0
10	Delhi	0	0	28
11	Goa	0	0	24
12	Gujarat	6	47	431
13	Haryana	30	39	64
14	Himachal Pradesh	11	83	54
15	Jammu & Kashmir	1167	1053	2529
16	Jharkhand	1017	202	147
17	Karnataka	595	712	420
18	Kerala	50	37	146
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	4
20	Madhya Pradesh	2712	1021	991
21	Maharashtra	1238	741	1356
22	Manipur	398	323	60
23	Meghalaya	3642	680	555
24	Mizoram	106	70	5
25	Nagaland	713	127	3
26	Odisha	0	0	226
27	Puducherry	1	0	4
28	Punjab	18	8	118
29	Rajasthan	4694	1458	1674
30	Sikkim	2	2	15
31	Tamil Nadu	1749	5	402
32	Telangana	2341	685	749
33	Tripura	910	128	13
34	Uttar Pradesh	2702	1708	1756
35	Uttarakhand	904	171	142
36	West Bengal	634	48	1889
	Total	36530	12315	17538

Source: UDISE+ 2018-19 (Provisional)