

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1027  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021**

**Water and Sanitation Facilities in Schools**

**1027. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of schools in the country that do not have adequate drinking water and sanitation facilities as on date;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has set any time bound targets to provide drinking water and sanitation facilities in all schools; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the funds earmarked for this purpose and the target set for completion?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) and (b) As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), 2019-20, out of 10,32,569 number of Government schools in the country, 10,01,788 Government Schools have drinking water facility; 9,63,636 Government schools have boys toilets and 9,88,293 Government schools have girls toilets.

(c) and (d) Education is in the concurrent list of Constitution and most of the schools are under jurisdiction of concerned States & UTs. State and UT Governments are the appropriate Governments under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, and have the responsibility and mandate to provide school infrastructure including drinking water and toilet facilities in schools in accordance with the norms laid down in the Schedule to the RTE Act, 2009 and as per respective State RTE Rules. States and UTs have been repeatedly

advised to ensure that all the schools, including those under the non-Government sector (private, aided schools, etc.) in their jurisdiction should have provision for separate toilets for boys and girls; and safe and adequate drinking water facilities for all children.

The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched an Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education – Samagra Shiksha w.e.f. 2018-19. Under Samagra Shiksha, States and UTs are supported for strengthening of existing Government schools, and for creation and augmentation of infrastructure facilities including drinking water and toilets as per proposals received from respective State/UT based on the identified gaps. The scheme also provides for an annual recurring composite school grant varying upto Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum depending upon the number of students, for all government schools, out of which at least 10% is to be spent on activities related to Swachhata Action Plan (SAP) for hygiene and sanitation. Release of funds for SAP Component under Samagra Shiksha for the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 are given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount (Rs. in Lakh)</b>
2018-19	20052.4468
2019-20	22400.9500
2020-21	22924.5575

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