

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 144
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

144. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) the schools and educational centres set up under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in Bihar particularly in Jehanabad, Gaya and Arwal Districts during the last five years ;
- (b) the details along with funds released for the purpose during the said period, district-wise and yearwise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish more schools and education centres in Bihar particularly in the above mentioned districts keeping in view their backwardness; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): The State Government of Bihar has informed that till 2020-2021, 21,291 primary schools have been opened so far at the elementary level under erstwhile SSA (operational till 2017-18). Out of these, 214, 609 and 172 primary schools have been opened in Jehanabad, Gaya and Arwal districts respectively. Also, 19,638 primary schools have been upgraded into Upper Primary Schools (Middle Schools) in Bihar. Out of these, 228, 1115 & 137 primary schools have been upgraded to upper primary schools in Jehanabad, Gaya and Arwal districts respectively. The erstwhile scheme of SSA has been subsumed under Samagra Shiksha with effect from 2018-19. An amount of ₹ 16.82 lakh was released for the construction of building of one primary school in Gaya District, in last 5 years.

(c) & (d): Under Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs for improving the quality of education, including opening of new schools, as per State's requirement and priority which is reflected in their respective Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) Proposals. However, as informed by the State Government of Bihar, no proposal for opening of schools has been received from these three districts in recent years.
