

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2768
TO BE ANSWERED 15.12.2021

ATAL TINKERING LABS

†2768. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objective of setting up of Atal Tinkering Laboratories;
- (b) the details of funds allocated along with the names of the schools where such laboratories are likely to be set up in the country, State/UT-wise and districtwise including districts of Chhattisgarh and Nuapada and Kalahandi districts of Odisha; and
- (c) the number and details of schools where proposal for setting up Atal Tinkering Labs are still under consideration, district-wise and State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) Government of India is encouraging the schools to provide exposure of science and technology to students so that they can be exposed with futuristic technology platforms. Government has setup the Atal Innovation Mission at NITI Aayog. The objective of establishing Atal Innovation Mission is to create scientific temper and cultivate the spirit of curiosity and innovation among young minds. In Schools, Atal Innovation Mission facilitates to set up network of Atal Tinkering Laboratories in India. The vision of Atal Tinkering Lab initiative is to '*Cultivate 1 million children in India as Neoteric Innovators*'. The objective of this scheme is to foster curiosity, creativity and imagination in young minds and inculcate skills such as design mind-set, computational thinking, adaptive learning, physical computing, rapid calculations, measurements etc.
- (b) Each school is sanctioned Grant in Aid of Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Only) over a period of five years as establishment and operational cost. Out of the total amount,

grant in aid of Rs. 12,00,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Only) is given as the first tranche, strictly subject to fulfilling the compliance process.

Atal Innovation Mission has been mandated to set up 10,000 Atal Tinkering Laboratories in schools across the country. Funds of Rs. 12,00,000 each have already been released to a total of 9,356 schools till date, out of 10,000 mandated schools for setting up of Atal Tinkering Labs, amounting to Rs. 112.27 crores.

The names of funded schools State/UT- wise and district-wise can be accessed on official Atal Innovation Mission website by accessing the following link:

<https://www.aim.gov.in/pdf/OperationalATLsInIndia.pdf>

- (c) The remaining 644 schools, out of 10,000 mandated schools, are undergoing the compliance process in terms of laid down guidelines for setting up of Atal Tinkering Laboratories.
