

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 898
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07th February, 2022**

Vocational Education in Schools

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to spread primary/higher education and employment based vocational education in Jaunpur district of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the amount of funds spent for the same during the last three years;
- (c) the number of schools built by the Government in Jaunpur District during the last three years; and
- (d) the amount of funds spent by the Government for the same during the last three years?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (d): The Government has taken following steps to spread primary, higher and vocational education in the country including Jaunpur district of Uttar Pradesh:-

Samagra Shiksha - An Integrated Scheme for School Education has been launched throughout the country as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19. It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education. It envisages the 'school' as a continuum from pre-school, primary, upper primary, secondary to senior secondary levels. The States/UTs are assisted by the Central Government for various interventions for providing universal access and retention, bridging of gender and social category gaps in education and enhancement of learning level of children at all levels of school education. Approvals for new interventions/infrastructure are given as per gaps identified under Unified District Information System for Education+ (UDISE+). An outlay of Rs.2227.53 lakh has been estimated/approved under Samagra Shiksha from 2018-19 to 2020-21 for various interventions under non-recurring head i.e. Construction of Boys' Toilets, Girls' Toilets, Additional Classrooms, KGBVs, Major Repairs, CwsN Ramp/Toilets, Solar Panel, Science Lab, Computer Room, Art Cultural Room, Library Room, Physics Lab, Chemistry Lab, Bio Lab under Samagra Shiksha in **Jaunpur District** of Uttar Pradesh.

Vocational Education- The scheme of Vocationalisation of School Education is implemented under the umbrella of Samagra Shiksha. The scheme aims at integrating Vocational Education with general academic education in all Secondary/Senior Secondary schools; enhancing the Employability and Entrepreneurial abilities of the students, providing exposure to work environment; and generating awareness amongst students about various career options so as to enable them to make a choice in accordance with their aptitude, competence and aspirations. The scheme covers Government and Government aided schools. The scheme has a provision for providing exposure to vocational education to students of Classes VI to VIII with an aim to provide opportunities to the students to orient themselves with the skills required for the various occupations in a sector and to equip them to make informed choices while selecting their subjects in higher classes.

Further, National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) compliant vocational courses are offered to the students from class 9th to 12th in the schools covered under the scheme. Under Vocational Education component of Samagra Shiksha, a total of 200 schools have been approved in the State of Uttar Pradesh, out of which one school is in Jaunpur district for which an amount of Rs. 8 lakh has been approved.

Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) - Central Government has approved the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN)' for providing one hot cooked meal in Government and Government – aided Schools. The Government has approved provision of hot cooked meal to children of Balvatika (before class I) also, in addition to the children of classes I to VIII. The primary objective of the scheme is to improve the nutritional status of children studying in classes I-VIII in eligible schools. During the last three years, Rs. 438139.7 lakh has been allocated to Uttar Pradesh under PM POSHAN Scheme.

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) – Under the Central Sector 'National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme', scholarships are given to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at class VIII and encourage them to continue the study at secondary stage. One lakh fresh scholarships are awarded to selected students of class IX every year and their continuation/renewal in classes X to XII for study in a State Government, Government-aided and Local body schools under the scheme. The scholarship amount has been enhanced from Rs. 6000/- to Rs. 12000/- per year with effect from 1st April, 2017. The State Governments/ UT Administrations send the proposals/ list of eligible beneficiaries to the Ministry. Under the scheme, Rs. 1869.9 lakh have been sanctioned for 15584 Scholarships in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years.

Adult Education- In order to improve the literacy rate, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Adult Education namely Saakshar Bharat was implemented in the rural areas of 404 districts in 26 States and one UT till 31.03.2019. Further, a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Adult Education "Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan" was implemented in rural and urban areas of 33 states/ UTs during the financial year 2020-21, with a target of making 48.16 lakh adult non-literates as literates. Under the scheme, central share of Rs. 578.00 lakh was released to the State of Uttar Pradesh during 2018-19 & 2020-21.

Scheme for Providing Education to Madrassas/Minorities (SPEMM)- The Ministry of Education was implementing 'Scheme for Providing Education to Madrassas/Minorities (SPEMM)' which has been transferred to Ministry of Minority Affairs w.e.f. 01.04.2021. SPEMM comprises two schemes namely, Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) and Infrastructure Development in Minority Institutions (IDMI). The SPQEM provides financial assistance to encourage traditional institutions like Madarsas and Maktabas to introduce modern education in their curriculum. IDMI facilitates education of minorities by augmenting and strengthening school infrastructure in Minority Institutions. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs. 25681.032 lakh was released to the State of Uttar Pradesh during last three years.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) & Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)- A total of 122 Kendriya Vidyalayas have been set up in Uttar Pradesh. During last 03 years, 11 Kendriya Vidyalayas have been opened in the State of Uttar Pradesh and all the 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh including Jaunpur district have been covered under Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme.

Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)- Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) implemented by the Ministry of Education. RUSA seeks to improve the overall quality of existing higher educational institutions by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards and adoption of accreditation as mandatory quality assurance framework; correcting regional imbalances by facilitating access to high quality institutions in rural and semi urban areas.

RUSA supports colleges and universities across the country under various components such as Creation of Universities by the way of Upgradation of Existing Autonomous Colleges, Creation of Universities by conversion of Colleges in Cluster, Excellence and Quality enhancement of Universities, Infrastructure grants to universities, Infrastructure grants to colleges, etc. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs. 9837.00 lakh was released to the State of Uttar Pradesh during last three years.

National Institute of Technology (NIT) - As per the present policy of the Central Government every state should have one National Institute of Technology (NIT) each so as to cater to the needs of the students of the respective States/Union Territories. Accordingly, at present, 31 NITs are functioning in the Country including 01 in State of Uttar Pradesh as "Institution of National Importance" under the NITSER Act, 2007 to promote quality technical education & Research and providing high quality technical manpower for regional and national requirements in the areas of engineering and technology.
