

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3529
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th August, 2022

Loan for Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to raise loan from the Asian Development Bank to fund the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government have scrapped the budget allocation of the Padhna Likhna Abhiyan, a scheme to promote basic literacy to nil even when the goal of basic literacy is severely hampered by the pandemic and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the reasons for scrapping the budget of the National Scheme for Incentive to Girls, a scheme to enable the girls from SC/ST communities to enroll in Secondary Schools, minimize dropout rates, and assure their retention until they reach the age of 18;
- (e) the reasons for a 35 per cent decline in the allocation under the digital India e-learning programme; and
- (f) the timeline for setting up the Digital University as mentioned in the Budget documents?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) & (b): The Department of School Education and Literacy had launched an Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education effective from the year 2018-19. The revamped Samagra Shiksha scheme has been aligned with the recommendations of NEP 2020 and has been continued for a period of five years with effect from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2026. Under Samagra Shiksha, the fund sharing pattern is in the ratio of 60:40 between Centre and State for all States and Union Territories with Legislature except for the 8 North-Eastern States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura and 2 Himalayan States viz. Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand and UT of Jammu and Kashmir, where it is 90:10. It is 100% centrally sponsored for Union Territories without Legislature.

(c): The Padhna Likhna Abhiyan (PLA); a centrally sponsored scheme was approved for implementation for one year i.e. FY 2020-21 by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance to provide basic literacy to 57 lakh non-literates for making them as certified literates in the country. As the implementation of the programme was hampered by the Covid19 pandemic, the implementation period of PLA was extended for a period of one year upto 31.03.2022 with the approval of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance within the budget and target of learners as approved for financial year 2020-21.

(d): National Scheme of Incentives to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE) scheme has been discontinued w.e.f. the year 2018-19 due to inherent issues in the design and implementation of the scheme. However, this Ministry remains strongly committed to the education of girl child, especially those belonging to SC and ST and other disadvantaged groups. Education of girl child is a critical component in various interventions of the Department of School Education and Literacy. Several measures for education of girls are being implemented through the flagship scheme of Samagra Shiksha.

(e): Education is a subject in the concurrent list of the constitution and majority of schools come under the purview of the State and UT Governments. Under the Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, funds are provided to the States & UTs for setting up ICT labs and Smart Classrooms in schools, as per appraisal of the proposals received from the States/UTs in their Annual Work Plan.

The details of the sanction approved for ICT and Smart Classrooms for the year 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 has been mentioned in the table given below:

Particulars	2020-21 (in Crore)	2021-22 (in Crore)	2022-23 (in Crore)
ICT	704.6	1003.8	988.2
Smart Classrooms	231.8	909.6	787.4

(f): Government of India in its Budget 2022-23 has announced establishment of Digital University to provide access to students across the country for world-class quality universal education with personalised learning experience at their doorsteps in different Indian languages and ICT formats. For establishment of Digital University, a Committee of Experts has been constituted with the members from UGC/AICTE/IGNOU and other eminent Higher Educational Institutes.