

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3612**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022

**Online Classes in West Bengal**

3612. SHRI DILIP GHOSH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of fund allotted by the Central Government to the State Government of West Bengal for online classes in schools during COVID-19 along with their utilisation;
- (b) whether All India Radio and local TV channels were used in such programmes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a) The details of fund allotted by the Central Government to the State Government of West Bengal for online classes in schools during COVID-19 along with their utilization is at **ANNEXURE-I**.
- (b) to (c) As informed by the State Government of West Bengal, the following major initiatives have been taken by the State for tackling the learning loss through Digital Learning Platforms during COVID-19 pandemic time:
  - (i) **Banglar Shiksha Durobhasa:** State has developed a dedicated toll free number for classes V to XII under Banglar Shiksha Durobhasa, wherein students can connect to clear their doubts and receive guidance. A total of 4.9 lakh calls were received under this.
  - (ii) **Learning through Activity Tasks:** Activity tasks for Bengali, English, Hindi, Santhali, Urdu Medium uploaded in the banglar Shiksha portal for uninterrupted learning process.
  - (iii) **E-learning material of all subjects on Banglar Shiksha Portal** for the students of Classes V to XII in audio-visual form, uploaded in banglarshiksha.gov.in (also accessible through YouTube) for continuity of the teaching learning process in Bengali, Hindi & Santhali medium.
  - (iv) **Live Classrooms on Television:** State had conducted live telecast of Banglar Shiksha Classrooms to facilitate remote learning for the students of classes VI to XII. The live telecast was conducted on three leading Bengali News channels - ABP Ananda, Zee-24 Ghanta and News 18 Bangla, covering all the subjects and a total of 297 sessions were conducted through this programme in 2021-22. Special arrangements of live classroom sessions have been made for examinee students of Secondary and Higher Secondary students for all subjects. Model questions with answers are being uploaded in Bangle Shiksha Portal. The online courses have two main elements – Activity tasks and E-learning materials. The main objectives of

this initiative is to help students to continue to perform class work through activity tasks and revise topics with the E-learning Materials provided, which are mainly video tutorials hosted on the Department's You Tube Channel.

- (v) **Ujjiban Charcha:** A series of webinars were organised on weekends covering topics for extending academic and psychosocial support to Secondary and Higher Secondary level students, with a viewership of 40-50 thousand per session. Each session had moderated discussion with 2-3 experts from relevant fields and queries were collected from the participants, which were addressed by the speakers during the webinar. These sessions were also archived for future reference on Banglar Shiksha portal and the Facebook page of the SED.
- (vi) **Taruner Swapno:** State had started this initiative for providing financial assistance to the students of Class-XII. Under this, financial assistance @ Rs. 10,000 per student was provided to 8.5 lakh students for procurement of Tablet PC/Smart phone to continue their studies on online mode through this programme. Further, 110 Audio-visual materials of simulated class room and lecture sessions on 10 subjects for class XII have also been provided through e-portal 'Banglar Shiksha' and through social media.

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# ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO (A) OF THE LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 3612 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022 ASKED BY SHRI DILIP GHOSH, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'ONLINE CLASSES IN WEST BENGAL'.

Funds Approved for ICT and Digital Initiatives under Samagra Shiksha (Recurring +Non-Recurring):

(Rs. In lakh)

Components	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		Total	
	Funds Approved	Expenditure	Funds Approved	Expenditure	Funds Approved	Expenditure	Funds Approved	Expenditure
<b>Recurring Support</b>								
DIKSHA (National Teacher Portal)	23.4	0.0	15.0	0.0	35.0	0.0	73.40	0.0
ICT and Digital Initiatives (Recurring Support)	0.00	0.00	1826.40	1824.00	0.00	0.00	1826.40	1824.00
<b>Total-A</b>	<b>23.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1841.40</b>	<b>1824.00</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1899.80</b>	<b>1824.00</b>
<b>Non- Recurring Support</b>								
Teacher Resource Package (Primary)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17729.90	0.00	17729.90	0.00
ICT facility to each BRCs under Innovation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2329.60	0.00	2329.60	0.00
ICT and Digital Initiatives (Non-Recurring)- Digital Hardware & Software (Type - I) (Elementary)	<b>Cumulative (Budget Approved &amp; Expenditure)</b>						7507.20	0.00
<b>Total-B</b>							27566.70	0.00
<b>Grand Total (A+B)</b>							<b>29466.50</b>	<b>1824.00</b>

Source: PRABANDH

\* Expenditure details for 2022-23 as on June 2022.