

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1118
ANSWERED ON – 29/07/2024**

PM SHRI Scheme In Punjab

1118 Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the logjam between the Government and the State Government of Punjab over the PM SHRI Scheme will adversely impact the education in the State of Punjab;
- (b) whether opting out of Government schemes such as PM SHRI, the State Government of Punjab is depriving its people from the crucial school upgradation as per NEP 2020;
- (c) the reasons for opting out of the PM SHRI by the State Government of Punjab; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government so that crucial financial help is not deprived to the schools?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)**

(a): The Cabinet has approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) on 7th September, 2022 to showcase the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 and emerge as exemplar schools over a period of time, and also offer leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood.

Under PM SHRI Scheme, 34 States/UTs including KVS/NVS have signed the MoU. The State of Punjab had also signed the MoU on 28.10.2022 and participated in the transparent challenge method for selection of schools. After that, 241 PM SHRI schools were selected on 28.03.2023 through the selection process on the recommendation of Punjab Government.

Later on, the state of Punjab opted out of PM SHRI Scheme on 18.07.2023. However, now the state of Punjab, on the repeated requests of Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, has communicated on 26.07.2024 that they will implement PM SHRI Scheme.

Therefore, there is no logjam between the Government and the State Government of Punjab over the PM SHRI Scheme.

(b) to (d): Does not arise.