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STARS Scheme

2144 Shri Mahendra Singh Solanky:
Dr. Vinod Kumar Bind:
Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives of the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) scheme launched by the Government in the year 2020;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps for the implementation of this scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has details of number of schools, students and teachers covered under the STARS scheme in Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh, if so, details thereof; and
- (d) whether any schools from Dewas in Madhya Pradesh, Balasore in Odisha, Bhadohi in Uttar Pradesh are included under this scheme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a & b): Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Program is being implemented as a centrally sponsored scheme **in six states** namely **Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Kerala** over a period of 5 years, i.e., from F.Y. 2020-21 to F.Y. 2024-25. The project envisages improving student outcomes in the selected States and the governance of school education the selected States. The targeted beneficiaries of the project are the children from the age of 3 to 18 years (pre-school to class XII) Education institutions and Teachers.

STARS is being implemented in coordination with the 6 States. While role of Central Government is to provide policy guidelines, release Central Share as per norms of the Scheme and overall monitoring of the Scheme. States are responsible for actual implementation of the Scheme, provide their share of funds for the Scheme and own and monitor its implementation on ground. With a view to help the States in effective implementation, guidelines have been devised for implementing various interventions of the Scheme. In addition, Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) have been devised for every component. Review meetings are held by Union Ministry of Education with the States from time to time to monitor and review implementation of the Scheme.

Further, the Scheme has an inbuilt monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure effective implementation of interventions viz. Joint Review Mission (JRM) of the World Bank with the objective of reviewing status of progress and implementation. Other mechanisms for effective implementation include Project Appraisal, Budgeting Achievements and Audit Mechanism.

(c & d): STARS scheme supplements the efforts of Samagra Shiksha scheme for the school education sector. It encompasses students as beneficiaries from pre-primary to 12th Standard and Teachers. The details of no. of schools, students and teachers covered in the State of Odisha and Madhya Pradesh under STARS scheme are given in the table below.

	Odisha	Madhya Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh
No of schools	54398	92222	Not Applicable, as the Scheme is not being implemented in Uttar Pradesh.
No of Students	6085945	8519859	
No of teachers	241106	315633	

All Government Schools in the State of Odisha including the district of Balasore and all Government schools in the State of Madhya Pradesh including the district of Dewas are covered under the STARS Scheme. In so far as the State of Uttar Pradesh is concerned, it is not a part of the STARS Scheme of Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education.