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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

LOK SABHA
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Basic Education in Rural Areas

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes/projects being run to promote education in the country especially in the rural areas of Bihar including Bhagalpur;

(b) the details of the action plan formulated to develop infrastructure like smart board and online education through applications for basic education in rural areas and to improve the quality of education being taught by teachers in the rural schools, State-wise;

(c) the amount of budget allocated for the said purpose by the Government;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide online education to the students of all Government schools;

(e) the details of practical difficulties faced by the Government in introducing smart classes in rural areas; and

(f) whether, it is true that the technology is yet to set its footprints in many schools of interior parts of the country for students to attain digital literacy, if so the steps taken by the Government in this regard during the last two years and the current year?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Government of India is implementing Samagra Shiksha-an integrated Scheme for school education from 2018-19, an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education across the country including rural areas of Bhagalpur, Bihar. Samagra Shiksha focuses on improvement in quality of education by providing support for different interventions like in-service training of

teachers and school heads, conduct of achievement surveys at state and national level, composite school grant to every school for providing a conducive learning environment, grants for library, sports and physical activities, support for ICT and digital initiatives, school leadership development programme, remedial teaching for academically weaker students, etc.

The ICT and Digital Initiatives component under Samagra Shiksha has been introduced to transform the process of teaching and learning from the traditional instructional teacher-centred endeavour to a learner-centred approach. The component covers classes VI to XII.

The provisions regarding the same are as under:

A. Budgetary provisions

The non- recurring/recurring grant under 'ICT and Digital Initiatives' for schools is available to the States and UTs for following two options:

Option I: Under this option, schools which have not availed the ICT facility earlier can either opt for ICT or smart classrooms as per their requirement and need. In case of more than 700 enrolments, an additional ICT lab can also be considered.

Option II: Under this option, schools which have already availed the ICT facility earlier can avail smart classrooms as per the norms of the scheme.

B. Financial provisions

ICT Lab: A non-recurring grant of up to Rs. 6.40 lakh per school and recurring grant of upto Rs. 2.40 lakh per school per annum for a period of 5 years.

Smart Classrooms: The non-recurring grant for Smart Class rooms is of Rs. 2.40 lakh and the recurring grant is Rs. 0.38 lakh.

As per information received from State Govt. of Bihar, 6,406 elementary and secondary schools across the State of Bihar have been equipped with ICT Labs, including 215 schools in Bhagalpur district. Additionally, 2,710 elementary schools have been covered through smart classes across the State, with 96 of those in Bhagalpur district.

The State/UT-wise financial approval of ICT Labs and Smart Classrooms under Samagra Shiksha are at Annexure.

(d) to (f): In order to provide access to online education to students across the country, a comprehensive initiative called PM eVIDYA has been initiated which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-modal access to education. The initiative includes:

- DIKSHA (one nation, one digital platform) is the nation's digital infrastructure for providing quality e-content for school education in States/UTs. QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades are available on this platform.

- Extensive use of Radio, Community radio and CBSE Podcast- Shiksha Vani.

- Special e-content for visually and hearing impaired has been developed on Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and in sign language on NIOS website/ YouTube.

- DTH TV Channels – As per the Union Budget announcement for Financial Year 2022-23, the 12 DTH Channels have been expended to 200 PM e-VIDYA DTH TV Channels to enable all States/UTs to provide supplementary education in various Indian languages for classes 1-12. The channels have been allocated to the States/UTs and are operational

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2223 ANSWERED ON 5th AUGUST 2024 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL AND SHRI K GOPINATH REGARDING BASIC EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS

Details of State/UT-wise financial approval for Smart Classrooms and ICT Labs under Samagra Shiksha till financial year 2024-25

State Name	Financial Approval (Rs. in lakh)	
	ICT Labs	Smart Class room*
Andaman And Nicobar Islands	405.3	0
Andhra Pradesh	20676.1	12456
Arunachal Pradesh	1478.773	454.8
Assam	22099.2	15398.4
Bihar	7699.2	11630.4
Chandigarh	254.1	352.8
Chhattisgarh	8706.8	24763.2
Dadra And Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	355.55	376.4
Delhi	44.8	3850.31
Dnd-Dnh	219.8	7655.6
Goa	40.4	0
Gujarat	4940.9	1096.8
Haryana	6160.5	16799.22
Himachal Pradesh	7460.3	8287.31
Jammu And Kashmir	11452.42	9268.8
Jharkhand	25256.7	4828.8
Karnataka	10869.5	2356.8
Kerala	0	5031
Ladakh	694.4	1305.6
Lakshadweep	182.2	103.2
Madhya Pradesh	11738.5	18552
Maharashtra	8201.8	8402.4
Manipur	2548.79	1305.6
Meghalaya	1562.5	191.84
Mizoram	2023.418	571.2
Nagaland	137.97	2347.4
Odisha	14828.8	17606.4
Puducherry	294.4	348
Punjab	10082.6	9600
Rajasthan	14943.89	19746
Sikkim	1033.75	776.8
Tamil Nadu	45706.5	16905.6
Telangana	4968	9556.8
Tripura	4844.9	2126.4
Uttar Pradesh	26529.21	64862.4
Uttarakhand	1536	8912.599
West Bengal	9062.4	820.8
Total	**289040.4**	**301094.9**

Source: PRABANDH *Provision for Smart Classrooms introduced in Samagra Shiksha in 2020-21.