

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 12
ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024

Smart Classrooms in Schools

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set any goals for the implementation of Smart Classrooms in schools across the country, if so, the time by which these are achieved;
- (b) whether the Government is according high priority for promotion of smart classrooms in schools all over the country;
- (c) if so, the number of smart classrooms that have been set up in the State of Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the details of the fund allocated for this purpose and quantum of fund utilized;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up smart class system in all the classrooms of the schools; and
- (f) if so, the details of the target set for this purpose and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 12 FOR 25.11.2024 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI MANI A REGARDING SMART CLASSROOMS IN SCHOOLS

(a) to (d): The Department of School Education and Literacy is implementing Samagra Shiksha – an Integrated Scheme for School Education from 2018-19. It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education. Samagra Shiksha is implemented in partnership with all the States and UTs and financial assistance is provided for various components including Smart Classrooms. Till date, 1,30,536 smart classrooms are sanctioned to States/UTs.

The physical and financial details of smart classrooms approved and functional in the State of Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years and in the current year are as under: -

Year	No.of Smart Classrooms Approved	No.of Smart Classrooms Functional	Amount Approved (Rs. in lakh)	Expenditure Amount (Rs. in lakh)
2021-22	865	1	2076.00	0
2022-23	0	860	0	2076.00
2023-24	0	4	0	0
2024-25	6284	0	14995.50	0

Source: PRABANDH

(e) & (f): Smart classroom component of Samagra Shiksha covers Government and Aided schools having classes VI to XII. Under this component financial assistance is provided for establishing Smart Classrooms in schools which includes interactive Digital Board/display unit, Operating System (OS), LCD/LED/plasma screen, printer, scanner, laptops/tablets/desktops etc.

Financial Provisions:

Smart classrooms: The non-recurring grant for Smart Class rooms (2 smart classrooms per school) is of Rs.2.40 lakh and the recurring grant is Rs.38000/- (including E Content and Digital Resources, Charges for Electricity).

Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the administrative control of respective State Government and UT Administration. Central Government provides funds for digital initiatives component under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education- Samagra Shiksha, on the basis of proposals received from State/UT Governments. However, the States/UTs are free to provide additional funds as per their requirement.