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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 158
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PM SHRI Scheme

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objectives of the Prime Minister's School for Rising India (PM SHRI) Scheme to transform and modernize school education in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has finalized the modalities for the establishment of PM SHRI schools across the country, if so the details thereof State/UT-wise and Location wise;
- (c) the number of schools that are planned to be upgraded under the PM SHRI scheme and the criteria fixed for selection of schools under the Scheme;
- (d) the details of schools selected under PM SHRI Scheme in Maharashtra and funds allocated for them during the last two years;
- (e) the details of parameters for opening such schools and criteria fixed for admission of the students therein;
- (f) whether the new infrastructure and facilities will be developed in PM SHRI schools to enhance the quality of education
- (g) whether the Government has proposed to develop PM-SHRI schools across the country, if so, the details and current status thereof, State-wise;
- (h) the other steps being taken by Government for the functioning of PM-SHRI schools; and
- (i) the manner by which PM SHRI plan to integrate vocational and skill based training for students to prepare them for employment opportunities?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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- (a) PM SHRI Schools are set up by strengthening the existing schools from amongst schools managed by Central government/State/UT Government/local bodies. These schools are to showcase all the initiatives of National Education Policy 2020 and emerge as exemplar schools over a period of time, and also offer leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood. They provide leadership in their respective regions in providing high-quality education in an equitable, inclusive and joyful school environment that takes care of the diverse background, multilingual needs, and different academic abilities of children and makes them active participants in their own learning process as per the vision of NEP 2020.

The major features in the PM SHRI Scheme are:

1. Quality and Innovation (Learning Enhancement Programme, Holistic Progress Card, Innovative Pedagogies, Bagless days, Internships with Local artisans, Capacity building etc.)
2. Beneficiary oriented Entitlements under Right to Education (RTE) Act.
3. Annual School Grants (Composite School grants, Library grant, Sports grant)
4. Early Childhood Care and Education including Balvatika and Foundational Literacy and Numeracy
5. Equity and Inclusion including provision of safe and appropriate infrastructure for girls and children with special needs (CwSN).
6. Encouraging flexibility in choice of subjects offered to students.
7. Encouraging mother tongue as medium of instruction using technological interventions to help bridge language barriers between teachers and students.
8. ICT, smart classrooms and digital libraries for using digital pedagogy.
9. Strengthening of existing infrastructure
10. Vocational interventions & Enhancing internship/entrepreneurship opportunities especially with local industry. Mapping of skills with developmental projects/nearby industry and develop courses/curriculum accordingly.

(b) & (c) Under the scheme, there is a provision of setting up of more than 14500 PM SHRI Schools by strengthening the existing schools from amongst schools managed by Central government/State/UT Government/local bodies out of which 12,084 PM SHRI Schools have been selected so far. The State/UT/KVS/NVS wise selected schools upto 4th phase of selection under PM SHRI Scheme is attached at **Annexure I**.

Selection of PM SHRI schools is through Challenge Mode wherein Schools compete for support to become exemplar schools. Selection is done through a three-stage process with definite time lines, which is as follows: -

Stage-1: States/UTs would sign MoU with Centre laying down the commitments for supporting these schools for achieving specified quality assurance as PM SHRI schools.

Stage-2: In this stage, a pool of schools that are eligible to be selected as PM SHRI Schools would be identified based on prescribed minimum benchmark through UDISE+ data.

These benchmarks are automatically populated from UDISE+ portal based on the latest data. The minimum benchmarks that the school fulfils are as follows:

- i. The school should have its own pucca building in good condition.
- ii. Barrier free access -Ramp.
- iii. The school must be safety oriented.
- iv. The enrolment of students at Elementary (Class 1-5/1-8) level and Senior Secondary (Class 6-12/ 6-10/ 1-10/ 1-12) level must be more than the state average enrolment, for the category.
- v. The school should have at least one separate toilet each for boys & girls.
- vi. The school must have potable drinking water facility.
- vii. The school must have separate hand washing facility.
- viii. All teachers should have Photo ID Card as per extant guidelines.
- ix. Electricity supply should be in working condition.
- x. School should have Library/library corner facilities and Sports equipment.

Stage-3: This stage is based on the challenge method for fulfilling certain criteria. School of Urban areas need to score minimum 70%, whereas Schools of Rural areas need to score minimum 60% to be selected as PM SHRI Schools. Fulfilment of conditions would be certified by states/KVS/JNV through physical inspection.

States/UTs are required to recommend the list of schools to Ministry of Education and an Expert committee headed by Secretary (SE&L), at Ministry of Education, Government of India, has been constituted to make the final school selections through challenge method.

(d) Under the PM SHRI Scheme, a total number of 827 schools are selected from the state of Maharashtra which includes 207 primary schools, 468 elementary schools, 110 secondary schools and 42 senior secondary schools. The district-wise details of schools selected from the state of Maharashtra is attached as **Annexure II**.

In FY 2023-24, a total of 211.35 cr was approved for 516 schools from the state of Maharashtra in Project Approval Board (PAB) Meeting. In FY 2024-25, a total of 504.63 cr is approved for 827 schools from the state of Maharashtra.

(e) Education is in the concurrent list of Constitution of India and an admission criterion in schools is determined by respective State/UT Government.

(f) To enhance the quality of education, PM SHRI Schools are to be saturated with components such as Bala feature and Jadui Pitara, Support at Pre-school Education, Child Friendly Furniture, Outdoor Play Materials etc. in Primary and Elementary Schools and Furniture, Fully equipped integrated Science Lab/Physics Lab/Chemistry Lab/ Biology Lab, Smart Classrooms, Computer Lab/ ICT Lab, Atal Tinkering Lab, Skill Lab, School Innovation Councils, Playground with well-equipped sports facilities etc. for secondary and senior secondary schools.

(g) Under the scheme, there is a provision of setting up of more than 14500 PM SHRI Schools by strengthening the existing schools from amongst schools managed by Central government/State/UT Government/local bodies out of which 12,084 PM SHRI Schools have been selected so far. The State/UT/KVS/NVS wise selected schools upto 4th phase of selection under PM SHRI Scheme is attached at **Annexure I**.

(h)The PM SHRI Scheme has provision of Teaching Learning Materials for activity-based learning and school readiness modules. It also promotes activities like science circles and Math Circles, mentoring by eminent experts and exposure visits of students. There is also provision of setting up of like Eco Clubs, Youth Clubs and organizing Sports Day, Annual Day, Cultural Day, and sessions on citizenship skills, constitutional values. The scheme also emphasizes teacher capacity-building, vocational training, and career guidance and mental health counselling.

(i) The PM SHRI scheme, aligned with NEP 2020, integrates vocational education into the mainstream curriculum at the secondary and senior secondary levels, equipping students with essential skills for the future. There is a provision of setting up of Vocational and Skill Labs by providing Tools & Equipment, Raw Materials, trainers, in-service and induction trainings for trainers, hands on training for students, linkages with sector skill councils. Students gain hands-on experience through internships with local retailers, artisans, and micro-enterprises, along with exposure to advanced technologies like IT, Artificial Intelligence, 3-D printing etc.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b), (c) & (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 158 ANSWER ON 25.11.2024 ASKED BY SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE, SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH, SHRI BAJRANG MANOHAR SONWANE, SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE, SMT. SUPRIYA SULE, PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD, SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL, DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE, SHRI K RADHAKRISHNAN HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "PM SHRI SCHEME"

The details of State/UT/KVS/NVS wise selected schools upto 4th phase of selection under PM SHRI Scheme:

| S.No. | States/UTs | Total |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | A&N ISLANDS | 11 |
| 2 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 855 |
| 3 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 91 |
| 4 | ASSAM | 382 |
| 5 | BIHAR | 804 |
| 6 | CHANDIGARH | 2 |
| 7 | CHHATTISGARH | 341 |
| 8 | DND-DNH | 6 |
| 9 | GOA | 25 |
| 10 | GUJARAT | 448 |
| 11 | HARYANA | 241 |
| 12 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 180 |
| 13 | JAMMU AND KASHMIR | 396 |
| 14 | JHARKHAND | 339 |
| 15 | KARNATAKA | 478 |
| 16 | LADAKH | 36 |
| 17 | LAKSHADWEEP | 11 |
| 18 | MADHYA PRADESH | 693 |
| 19 | MAHARASHTRA | 827 |
| 20 | MANIPUR | 105 |
| 21 | MEGHALAYA | 55 |
| 22 | MIZORAM | 30 |
| 23 | NAGALAND | 43 |
| 24 | ODISHA | 450 |
| 25 | PUDUCHERRY | 12 |
| 26 | PUNJAB | 233 |
| 27 | RAJASTHAN | 639 |
| 28 | SIKKIM | 43 |
| 29 | TELANGANA | 794 |
| 30 | TRIPURA | 84 |
| 31 | UTTAR PRADESH | 1710 |
| 32 | UTTARAKHAND | 226 |
| 33 | KVS | 869 |
| 34 | NVS | 625 |
| | Total | 12084 |

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 158 ANSWER ON 25.11.2024 ASKED BY SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE, SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH, SHRI BAJRANG MANOHAR SONWANE, SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE, SMT. SUPRIYA SULE, PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD, SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL, DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE, SHRI K RADHAKRISHNAN HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "PM SHRI SCHEME"

The details of the PM SHRI schools selected in the State of Maharashtra is:

| S.No. | District Name | Total |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | AHMEDNAGAR | 28 |
| 2 | AKOLA | 18 |
| 3 | AMRAVATI | 33 |
| 4 | AURANGABAD | 17 |
| 5 | BEED | 22 |
| 6 | BHANDARA | 43 |
| 7 | BULDHANA | 12 |
| 8 | CHANDRAPUR | 30 |
| 9 | DHULE | 9 |
| 10 | GADCHIROLI | 22 |
| 11 | GONDIA | 20 |
| 12 | HINGOLI | 10 |
| 13 | JALGAON | 35 |
| 14 | JALNA | 18 |
| 15 | KOLHAPUR | 27 |
| 16 | LATUR | 18 |
| 17 | MUMBAI SUBURBAN | 2 |
| 18 | NAGPUR | 34 |
| 19 | NANDED | 35 |
| 20 | NANDURBAR | 13 |
| 21 | NASHIK | 44 |
| 22 | OSMANABAD | 19 |
| 23 | PALGHAR | 22 |
| 24 | PARBHANI | 20 |
| 25 | PUNE | 38 |
| 26 | RAIGAD | 26 |
| 27 | RATNAGIRI | 16 |
| 28 | SANGLI | 24 |
| 29 | SATARA | 24 |
| 30 | SINDHUDURG | 16 |
| 31 | SOLAPUR | 39 |
| 32 | THANE | 20 |
| 33 | WARDHA | 17 |
| 34 | WASHIM | 16 |
| 35 | YAVATMAL | 40 |
| | Total | 827 |
