

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**LOK SABHA
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Schemes implemented to Support Students of Madhya Pradesh

† 2167. Smt. Sandhya Ray:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government to support the students in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the number of students applied for the scholarship in Bhind district; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open a world class national digital library in Bhind district of Madhya Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) Following major Centrally Sponsored education schemes are being implemented by the Government in the state of Madhya Pradesh:

(i) **Samagra Shiksha** is an Integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education being implemented w.e.f. 2018-19. The scheme aims to ensure that all children, from pre-school to class 12, have access to quality education with an equitable and inclusive classroom environment which should take care of their diverse background, multilingual needs, different academic abilities and make them active participants in the learning process. The scheme aligns with the NEP and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG-4) which focuses on quality education. The scheme also targets foundational literacy and numeracy, holistic and integrated curriculum and innovative pedagogical methods, aiming to bridge social and gender gaps in education. For the state of Madhya Pradesh, in financial year 2024-25, Project Approval Board (PAB) approved an amount of Rs. 3842.07 crore as central share against which the state would contribute Rs. 2561.68 crore as its state share. An amount of Rs. 2783.67 crore for the year 2024-25 has so far been released to the state of Madhya Pradesh under the scheme.

(ii) **Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS)** Project, supported by the World Bank, is being implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS). It aims at improving the assessment system in schools and ensuring equal education for all. STARS Project supplements the efforts of Samagra Shiksha scheme for the school education sector. It encompasses teachers and students from pre-primary to 12th standard as beneficiaries. For the state of Madhya Pradesh, in financial year 2024-25, Project Approval Board (PAB) approved an amount of Rs. 349.72 crore out of which Rs. 36.70 crore has so far been released to the state of Madhya Pradesh under the scheme.

(iii) **The Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (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. A total of 693 PM SHRI schools have been selected from the state of Madhya Pradesh up to 4th phase of selection of PM SHRI Schools through the transparent challenge method. A central share of Rs. 44.53 crore has been released to 416 PM SHRI schools selected in the first phase during FY 2023-24 for implementation of the scheme. Further, a total of Rs 329.09 crore has been approved for 693 PM SHRI Schools selected up to 4th phase of selection in the Project Approval Board (PAB). A total of Rs 197.45 crore has been approved as central share for FY 2024-25 out of which, so far, Rs. 103.14 crore has been released in FY 2024-25 to the state for the implementation of the scheme.

(iv) **Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN)** is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented in partnership with the States and UTs for providing one hot cooked meal to children studying in Balvatika (pre- primary classes) and classes I to VIII of Government and Government-aided schools on all school days. For the state of Madhya Pradesh, in financial year 2024-25, Project Approval Board (PAB) approved an amount of Rs. 597.88 crore as central share against which the state would contribute Rs. 364.15 crore as its state share. Central share of Rs. 280.63 crore for the year 2024-25 has so far been released to the state of Madhya Pradesh under the scheme.

(v) The Department of Higher Education has launched the third phase of **Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) as Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA)** in June 2023 with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 to cater to needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at funding specific State government universities and colleges, including in the rural areas, so as to improve their quality by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards.

(vi) The Central Sector Scheme **National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Schemes (NMMSS)** is being implemented with the objective to award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at class VIII and encourage them to continue their education at secondary stage. One lakh fresh scholarships are awarded to selected students of class IX every year and their continuation/renewal in classes X to XII for study in State Government, Government-aided and Local body schools under the scheme. The amount of scholarship is Rs. 12000/- per annum. Funds are released to State Bank of India, the implementing bank for the scheme for disbursement of scholarships to students directly into their bank accounts by Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

(b) As informed by the State Government, a total of 103428 students applied for State scholarship in Bhind district of Madhya Pradesh for the year 2024-25 as on 04-12-2024.

(c) The Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya app was launched on 10th February, 2024 and is being implemented with the support of National Book Trust of India, New Delhi. It is available free of cost to all children including those in Bhind district of Madhya Pradesh.
