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Funds for Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and PM SHRI for Tamil Nadu

2240. Shri Raja A:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds sanctioned and disbursed to Tamil Nadu under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Pradhan Mantri Scheme for Rising India (PMSHRI) during the last two years and in the current year;
- (b) whether the funds have not been released for these schemes in the current year to those States who have not accepted the New Education Policy (NEP) like Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government considers to release the fund in the interest of the development of education sector, teachers and students; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) : The details of funds sanctioned and disbursed to Tamil Nadu under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and PM-SHRI during the last two years and in the current year is as under:

(Rs. in Cr.)

Financial Year	Samagra Shiksha sanctioned	Samagra Shiksha released
2022-23	2117.59	2107.23
2023-24	2120.25	1871.96

An amount of Rs. 2151.59 crore stands approved as Central share for the state of Tamil Nadu by the Project Approval Board (PAB) for the financial year 2024-25. As regards PM SHRI Scheme, State has not onboarded the same.

(b) to (e): The Union Government is committed to ensuring that every child, in every corner of the country has access to the transformative benefits of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020). Samagra Shiksha is an integrated scheme that envisages education as a continuum from pre-school to class XII. The Scheme has been aligned with the provisions of NEP 2020 and new interventions such as Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), Support for NIPUN Bharat, Quality and Innovation at all levels, Equity and Inclusion, Skill Education, ICT and Digital Initiatives etc. have been incorporated in the Scheme. Since inception, tens of lakhs of students from the State of Tamil Nadu are benefitting from the provisions of this Scheme.

PM SHRI Scheme was launched in September 2022 with an aim to develop more than 14,500 selected schools as exemplar schools that offer leadership to other schools in the neighborhood, showcasing all the initiatives of NEP 2020. Every State/UT is required to sign a MoU with Ministry of Education and so far, **33** States/UTs have signed the MoU and have been onboarded on the scheme platform. The State of Tamil Nadu, too, gave an undertaking dated 15.03.2024 to sign the PM SHRI MoU before the beginning of the academic year 2024-25. After receiving the undertaking, a draft MoU under PM SHRI was sent by Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL) to the State Government. However, the State responded with a modified MoU vide letter dated 06.07.2024 wherein key paragraph referring to the implementation of NEP 2020 in entirety had been dropped. Thereafter, State Govt has been repeatedly requested to sign the MoU without any modifications.
