

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2322
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2024**

SHRESTA SCHEME

**2322. SHRI B K PARTHASARATHI:
SHRI DAGGUMALLA PRASADA RAO:**

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total number of SC students selected under the Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESTA) during the last three years, especially in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the total budgetary allocation and funds released under the said scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh, district-wise from 2021-2024;
- (c) the details of the total number of Residential schools under the scheme till date, including Mode 1 and Mode 2; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering extending the number of seats offered under the scheme, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)**

(a): "The Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) is being implemented in two Modes:

Under Mode – 1, every year 3,000 meritorious SC students are selected through the National Entrance Test (NETS) conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) for admission in class 9th and 11th in private residential schools affiliated by CBSE/State Boards. Financial assistance is provided till completion of their study upto class 12th.

Under Mode – 2, Financial assistance is provided to organisations for running the projects of Non-Residential Schools, Residential Schools and Hostels at Primary & Secondary level for SC students.

The number of SC students selected under Mode – I of the Scheme are as under:

S. No.	Years	SC students selected	SC students selected from Andhra Pradesh
1	2022-23	1,468	202
2	2023-24	2,543	438
3	2024-25	2,961	375
Total		6,972	1,015

(b): Being Central Sector Scheme, state-wise fund are not allocated. Total budgetary allocation and funds released under the Scheme from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are as under:-

(Rs. In crore)

SL. No.	Years	Revised Estimate	Expenditure
1	2021-22	63.21	38.04
2	2022-23	89.00	51.12
3	2023-24	90.65	81.57
Total		242.86	170.73

The, details of total funds released to private residential schools and organizations (district-wise) in Andhra Pradesh from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are in **Annexure**.

(c): Total number of Residential Schools under both Modes of the Scheme are as under:

Mode-1	246
Mode-2	51
Total	297

(d): At present, no proposal is under consideration.

ANNEXURE

Details of funds released to Private Residential Schools (district-wise) under Mode-1 of SHRESHTA Scheme in Andhra Pradesh.

(Rs.in Lakh)

Andhra Pradesh					
S.No.	District	Name of the Schools/ Institutions	Fund Released (2021-22)	Fund Released (2022-23)	Fund Released (2023-24)
1	Cuddapah	St Joseph Junior College	2.27	2.71	-
		Sairam Junior Collegea	1.05	1.05	-
		Sri Sairam Junior College Kadapa	1.80	1.04	-
		Sri Chaitanya English Medium High School	8.25	0	-
		Sri Chaitanya English Medium High School For Boys Kadapa	4.50	0	-
		Sri Sai Junior College Kadapa	0.45	0.50	-
		2	Vizianagaram	Sri Gayatri Junior College Gotlam Vizianagaram	18.00
Gayatri Junior College	18.50			24.00	-
Sri Chaitanya Vidya Niketan Bobbili Vizianagaram	2.80			2.80	-
New Central School Vizianagaram	7.70			7.70	11.40
Noble High School Bobbili	2.10			2.10	2.00
Gayatri English Medium School Gotlam	7.70			8.80	5.00
Chanakya Public School Vizianagaram	2.25			2.25	0
Gayatri High School Thotapalem Vizianagaram	1.40			1.50	0
Gayatri Model School	-			-	147.52
3	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore			Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School	-
4	Nellore	Akshara Vidyalaya	-	81.25	154.02
5	Visakhapatnam	Ameya World School	-	34.37	83.72
6	West Godavari	B V B International Residential Public School	-	4.50	4.90
		J Sikile School	-	17.91	91.43
7	Anantapur	Sanskruthi Global School	-	-	26.12
		Total	78.77	209	530.51

Details of funds released to Organizations/NGOs (district-wise) under Mode-2 of SHRESHTA Scheme in Andhra Pradesh.

(Rs.in Lakh)

Sl. No.	District	Name of the NGO	Grants released during 2021-22	Grants released during 2022-23	Grants released during 2023-24
1	Prakasam	Centre For Rural Education And Development Society	41.51	19.69	31.31
2	Krishna	Ravicherla Integreted Development and Education Society	16.83	7.00	1.40
3	Guntur	Maddirala Sivaiah Memorial Educational Society	11.00	2.14	17.93
		Sri Venkateswara Mahila Mandali	24.41	0.49	33.49
		Shree Shanthi Reddy Educational Society	24.94	5.50	18.53
4	West Godavari	International Educational Society	20.86	17.50	34.05
		Total	139.55	52.32	136.71
