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Availability of Internet in Government Schools in Maharashtra

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and percentage of Government schools across the country that have functional internet connectivity;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to provide internet connectivity to all the schools in the State of Maharashtra;
- (c) if so, the details of schools having internet connections and computer labs equipped with adequate seating capacity in the State;
- (d) whether there is any scheme to improve access of internet in Schools of Maharashtra;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to achieve 100% internet connectivity in all schools in Maharashtra; and
- (g) the details of funds allocated during the last five years to Maharashtra State for this purpose, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a): As per UDISE+2021-22, the number and percentage of Government schools across the country that have functional internet connectivity are 2,47,000 (24.2%).

(b) to (g): 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. As per information received from State Government of Maharashtra, 35,349 out of 65,064 Government schools i.e 54.33% of schools have functional internet connectivity in Maharashtra.

Internet connectivity is provided through the component of Quality Intervention- ICT & Digital Initiatives under the Samagra Shiksha, STARS, PMSHRI Schemes. Further, 3,169 out of 65,064 government school have well equipped & adequate seating capacity computer labs in the State of Maharashtra.

All interventions are taken up as per requirements identified by State/UT after appraisal according to financial and programmatic norms of schemes and available provisions.

The details of funds allocated during the last five years as per Maharashtra State under digital initiative are as follows: -

	(Rs in Crore)				
Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Funds allocated	0.00	0.00	116.26	139.14	238.00
