

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.238
ANSWERED ON – 17/03/2025

Educational Schemes/Projects in Maharashtra

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any schemes/projects relating to the field of Education and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of financial assistance provided to the State of Maharashtra for various schemes/projects relating to the field of Education during the last three years and the current year, scheme/project-wise;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries there under in Maharashtra during the last three years, district-wise;
- (d) the details of beneficiaries in Maharashtra through Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) during the last three years, scheme-wise and district-wise;
- (e) the total number of projects/proposals sanctioned/approved under these schemes with their cost during the last three years, district-wise;
- (f) the number of new schools/educational institutions planned under current Government schemes to address regional disparities in access to education;
- (g) whether the Government is regularly conducting evaluation of educational schemes and the metrics being used to measure their success; and
- (h) the steps being taken by the Government to address the gaps identified in evaluation of current education schemes?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.238 ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2025 ASKED BY PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD AND SMT. SUPRIYA SULE, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING EDUCATIONAL SCHEMES/ PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

(a) to (f): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution, and, majority of the schools and implementation of infrastructural activities in schools/institutions comes under the domain of respective State and UT Governments.

Schemes of Samagra Shiksha, PM Shri, PM Poshan, STARS, ULLAS and PM USHA are being implemented by the Ministry of Education. The annual plans are prepared by the States and UTs based on their requirements and priorities as education is part of concurrent list. These plans are then appraised and approved by Ministry of Education as per the programmatic and financial norms of the respective schemes, and physical and financial progress of the State for the interventions approved earlier.

Samagra Shiksha

Department has launched Samagra Shiksha – an Integrated Scheme for School Education by subsuming the erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE) from 2018-19. The Samagra Shiksha scheme has now been aligned with the recommendations of NEP 2020 and has been continued for a period of five years with effect from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2026. The details of Centre share released under Samagra Shiksha Scheme in the State of Maharashtra for the last three years and current year are as follows:

(Rs. in Lakh)

2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
69302.88	90000.00	99879.10	76912.31

Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS)

The Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Program is being implemented as a centrally sponsored scheme in six states namely Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Kerala over a period of 5 years, i.e., from F.Y. 2020-21 to F.Y. 2024-25. The project envisages improving student outcomes in the selected States and the governance of school education the selected States. The targeted beneficiaries of the project are the children from the age of 3 to 18 years (pre-school to class XII) Education institutions and Teachers.

The details of Centre share released under STARS Scheme in the State of Maharashtra for the last three years and current year are as follows:

(Rs. in Lakh)

2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
2470.64	2246.09	15626.32	7535.77

PM SHRI Schools

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 showcase all the initiatives of National Education Policy 2020 and are exemplar schools 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.

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 12,505 PM SHRI Schools have been selected. 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 details of Centre share released under PM SHRI Scheme in the State of Maharashtra for the year 2023-24 and 2024-25 are as follows:

(Rs. in Lakh)

2023-24	2024-25
6340.55	7099.85

PM-POSHAN

Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented in partnership with the States and UTs. The overall responsibilities for providing cooked and nutritious meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The States and UTs fix their menu as per their local needs, in order to meet the prescribed nutritional content. The details of Centre share released under PM POSHAN Scheme in the State of Maharashtra for the last three years and current year are as follows:

(Rs. in Lakh)			
2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
49075.07	159240.67	79372.10	42744.56

ULLAS – New India Literacy Programme (NILP)

ULLAS, which stands for Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society, a centrally sponsored scheme, aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and is being implemented from 2022-23 to 2026-27. It aims to provide educational opportunities to persons aged 15 and above who have missed formal schooling and are non-literates. The details of Centre share released under ULLAS Scheme in the State of Maharashtra for the year 2022-23 and 2023-24 are as follows:

(Rs. in Lakh)		
2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
567.52	Nil*	Nil

*Due to low pace of expenditure

PM USHA (erstwhile (Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA))

The government has launched the third phase of Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 to cater to needs of educationally unserved/underserved areas. Under PM-USHA, 61 units have been approved in Maharashtra in 2023-24 and 2024-2025. The details of Central share released under PMUSHA in the State of Maharashtra are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)	
2023-24	2024-25
21.25	0.01

Details of total students enrolled in Government Schools from Pre-primary to Grade 12 for 2021-22 to 2023-24, that are beneficiaries of the schemes district-wise in Maharashtra as per UDISE data is at **Annexure-I**.

No. of beneficiaries under ULLAS Scheme in last three years – 4,59,994 (total learners appeared in FLNAT on 17-03-2024) as provided by Government of Maharashtra is at **Annexure-II**.

Details of beneficiaries under PMUSHA scheme, during last three years, district-wise in Maharashtra is at **Annexure-III**.

Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) Transaction under Central Sponsored Scheme to the beneficiaries are done by the respective State/UT. While in Central Sector Scheme of

“National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)”, the scholarship amount is directly credited to the students’ bank accounts through DBT and funds are not released to States/UTs.

Details of Number of Scholarships and funds sanctioned in respect of Maharashtra State under NMMSS during last three years and current year

S.No.	Financial Year	No. of Scholarships (Fresh + Renewals)	Amount sanctioned (Rupees in lakh)
1	2021-22	36424	4370.88
2	2022-23	37730	4527.60
3	2023-24	37953	4554.36
4	2024-25 as on dated 12.03.2025	35458	4254.96

(g) & (h): The government regularly conducts reviews of educational schemes for effective implementation by regular online/physical review meetings with the State/UTs time to time where any gaps identified based on the felt need and requirement are evaluated and approved as per extant procedure.

ANNEXURE-I**ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.238 ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2025 ASKED BY PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD AND SMT. SUPRIYA SULE, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING EDUCATIONAL SCHEMES/PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA**

Details of total students enrolled in Government Schools from Pre-primary to Grade 12 for 2021-22 to 2023-24, that are beneficiaries of the schemes district-wise in Maharashtra as per UDISE data

Sl. No.	Districts Name	Total Enrolment in Government Schools (Grade Pre-Pry to XII)		
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	AHMADNAGAR	244803	234034	225369
2	AKOLA	89235	80386	77046
3	AMRAVATI	157505	148325	146748
4	AURANGABAD (MAHARASHTRA)	253147	228373	74618
5	BHANDARA	78924	77170	150733
6	BID	183392	162766	168500
7	BULDANA	189758	176923	107951
8	CHANDRAPUR	117495	112090	220176
9	DHULE	111979	101654	102440
10	GADCHIROLI	88054	85661	101459
11	GONDIYA	94449	91416	83976
12	HINGOLI	105715	95207	89309
13	JALGAON	212667	200095	89027
14	JALNA	164750	149477	190135
15	KOLHAPUR	199654	187451	137331
16	LATUR	126788	110220	177377
17	MUMBAI (SUBURBAN)	318248	306218	102296
18	MUMBAI II	23985	22828	328168
19	NAGPUR	120366	114076	22206
20	NANDED	232358	207841	110362
21	NANDURBAR	135195	130372	196863
22	NASHIK	376219	363999	127369
23	OSMANABAD	124130	107880	356258
24	PALGHAR	216573	210069	207603
25	PARBHANI	134466	120444	112796
26	PUNE	447384	435784	438802
27	RAIGARH (MAHARASHTRA)	113057	109728	108805
28	RATNAGIRI	76850	71189	66725
29	SANGLI	135141	127010	122907
30	SATARA	142390	132509	124727
31	SINDHUDURG	37314	35449	33383
32	SOLAPUR	230466	213511	206229
33	THANE	229129	214804	218883
34	WARDHA	56990	54998	51691
35	WASHIM	81683	74611	70321
36	YAVATMAL	202835	186589	176982

Source: UDISE+

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Details of No. of beneficiaries under ULLAS Scheme in last three years – 4,59,994 (total learners appeared in FLNAT till date)

SI.No	District Name	Number of Non-Literate Persons Appearing for FLNAT Exam Date – 17/03/2024
1	Nandurbar	16216
2	Dhule	10180
3	Jalgaon	40710
4	Buldhana	10712
5	Akola	19369
6	Washim	11318
7	Amravati	25582
8	Wardha	1359
9	Nagpur	7464
10	Bhandara	8254
11	Gondiya	8470
12	Gadchiroli	34242
13	Chandrapur	26671
14	Yavatmal	12452
15	Nanded	18429
16	Hingoli	9075
17	Parbhani	14788
18	Jalna	11304
19	Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (Aurangabad)	15319
20	Nashik	25215
21	Thane	16683
22	Mumbai (Suburban)	10347
23	Mumbai II	1891
24	Raigarh	7704
25	Pune	9387
26	Ahmednagar	8694
27	Beed	12145
28	Latur	3343
29	Dharashiv (Osmanabad)	4061
30	Solapur	17847
31	Satara	3955
32	Ratnagiri	13470
33	Sindhudurg	225
34	Kolhapur	2346
35	Sangli	7427
36	Palghar	13340
	Total	459994

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The district-wise details of projects approved in Maharashtra under PM-USHA during the last three years and the current financial year

S. No.	Districts	No. of Projects approved
1	Ahmednagar	1
2	Akola	2
3	Amravati	3
4	Aurangabad	3
5	Beed	1
6	Bhandara	1
7	Buldhana	1
8	Chandrapur	1
9	Chhatrapati ambhajnagar (Aurangabad)	1
10	Dhule	1
11	Gadchiroli	3
12	Gondia	1
13	Hingoli	1
14	Jalgaon	2
15	Jalna	2
16	Kolhapur	3
17	Latur	2
18	Mumbai	4
19	Mumbai Suburban	1
20	Nagpur	2
21	Nanded	4
22	Nandurbar	2
23	Nashik	1
24	Osmanabad	2
25	Palghar	1
26	Parbhani	1
27	Pune	1
28	Raigad	1
29	Ratnagiri	1
30	Sangli	1
31	Satara	1
32	Sindhudurg	1
33	Solapur	3
34	Thane	1
35	Wardha	1
36	Washim	2
37	Yavatmal	1
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	Grand Total	61