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EDUCATION SCHEMES IN MOHANLALGANJ, UP

1635. Shri R K Chaudhary:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner by which the Government collaborates with the Government of Uttar Pradesh to implement education schemes in Mohanlalganj constituency of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether any joint initiatives of the Union and State Governments have been taken to improve education in the above constituency;
- (c) the steps are being taken by the Government to raise awareness about Government education schemes among residents of said constituency;
- (d) whether the Government has any local helplines/offices in said constituency to provide information about these schemes;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to improve to quality education in rural areas of the said constituency;
- (f) whether there is any specific infrastructure development projects for schools in Mohanlalganj under central government schemes;
- (g) the key education schemes being implemented by the Government currently in Mohanlalganj constituency; and
- (h) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure effective implementation of central education schemes in the said constituency?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Central Government implements various Centrally Sponsored scheme such as Samagra Shiksha, PM SHRI Schools, PM POSHAN etc to improve education. In this regard, Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) is prepared by the States and UTs based on their requirements and priorities and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education at the beginning of every year. These plans are then appraised/approved by Project Approval Board (PAB) in consultation with the States and UTs as per the programmatic and financial norms of the Scheme and availability of budgetary resources.

(c) & (d): Education is a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, and as per the information from the State of Uttar Pradesh, awareness about education schemes is raised through two key approaches: one targeting the departmental cadre and the other focused on general public.

For departmental cadre, workshops are organized at the state, division, and district levels and additionally, YouTube awareness sessions are conducted. The government also employs a multi-pronged approach using social media, community engagement, and direct outreach programs. Platforms like Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram are actively managed to share updates, posters, pictures and videos. Additionally, community-level drives, Shiksha Chaupal sessions, Community and parent orientation programs and school-level gatherings are conducted for general public awareness.

For direct information and assistance, local Block Resource Centers (BRCs) in every district, provide guidance on government education initiatives, enrollment processes, and related benefits.

(e) to (g): Samagra Shiksha- The Department of School Education and Literacy is implementing an integrated centrally sponsored scheme for School education- Samagra Shiksha. The scheme treats school education holistically, without segmentation from pre-primary to class XII and is in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal for Education (SDG-4). The scheme provides support for the implementation of the RTE Act.

The Scheme is aligned with the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and aims to ensure that all children 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.

Samagra Shiksha Scheme supports creation of infrastructure and basic facilities for students in Government Schools. In this regard, Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) is prepared by the States and UTs based on their requirements and priorities and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education at the beginning of every year. These plans are then appraised/approved by PAB in consultation with the States and UTs as per the programmatic and financial norms of the Scheme and availability of budgetary resources.

PM SHRI - 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.

PM SHRI scheme has a provision to equip PM SHRI schools with science labs, ICT-enabled smart classrooms, library, furniture and playground. Further, digital learning tools like smart boards supports modern, technology-driven education. Efforts like the introduction of LED lighting, composting facilities, and medicinal gardens create eco-friendly "green schools."

The PM SHRI scheme aims to enhance educational quality, infrastructure, and student outcomes in PM SHRI schools. Regular teacher capacity-building programs, including training of Principals, teachers, and special educators, are to be conducted to enhance pedagogical skills. Competency-based assessments and the introduction of holistic report cards ensure a well-rounded evaluation of students. To enhance infrastructure, PM SHRI Scheme has a provision to equip PM SHRI Schools with science labs, ICT-enabled smart classrooms, library, furniture and playground. Further, Atal Tinkering Labs, and digital learning tools like smart boards supports modern, technology-driven education. Efforts like the introduction of LED lighting, composting facilities, and medicinal gardens create eco-friendly "green schools".

PM POSHAN - The Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Under the Scheme, one hot cooked meal is served to students studying in Bal Vatika and Classes I-VIII in Government and Government aided Schools on all school working days. The PM POSHAN Scheme aims to improve the nutritional status of children, to encourage poor children belonging to disadvantaged sections to attend school more regularly and help them concentrate on classroom activities and also to provide nutritional support to children of elementary stage in drought affected areas during summer vacation and during disaster times.

(h): Following steps are being taken by the Government to ensure effective implementation of central education schemes:

- Performance Grading Index 2.0 whose indicators have been aligned to policy initiatives and interventions introduced post implementation of NEP 2020 for proper tracking the progress.
- UDISE+: This is an improved and updated version of Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) for evidence based planning and decision making.
- PRoject Appraisal, Budgeting Achievements and Data Handling System (PRABANDH) which is a comprehensive online monitoring system, which tracks the status of releases, Approved Outlays, Coverage as per UDISE, School wise list of approvals, School wise gaps, Cancellation in approvals, etc.
- Strengthening of Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres for periodic inspection and supervision of schools to observe the infrastructure and facilities.

- National Achievement Surveys (NAS) are conducted to check the health of the educational system and to provide information about the learning achievement of students.
- Audit Mechanism- There are robust monitoring systems in place which includes an annual audit by an independent Chartered Accountant empaneled with the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, a regular CAG audit, a system of concurrent financial reviews and regular meetings with State officials. A Manual on Financial Management and Procurement also assists States in streamlining implementation and financial management.
- Detailed guidelines for Social Audit of Samagra Shiksha have been issued and provision has been made for covering 20% government and government aided schools every year for conducting social audit.
- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for every component of Samagra Shiksha for effective monitoring of scheme implementation.
- Community Level Monitoring wherein the community, through its representative institutions like School Management Committees (SMCs), has been entrusted with the primary level of ensuring that the schools are functioning effectively.
- Periodic meetings with Stakeholders: The Ministry of Education convenes monthly meetings with Education Secretaries and State Project Directors to review the programme implementation.
