

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1818  
ANSWERED ON – 10/03/2025**

**PM-SHRI Scheme in West Bengal**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of West Bengal has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Pradhan Mantri School for Rising India (PM-SHRI) Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the grounds taken by the State Government of West Bengal for not signing the MoU;
- (c) the number of meetings held between the Government and the State Government of West Bengal about signing of MoU for the scheme; and
- (d) the impact on West Bengal for not signing the MoU for PM-SHRI Scheme?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The state of West Bengal is yet to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). In this regard, Hon'ble Education Minister has addressed letters dated 13.03.2023, 09.10.2023 & 07.03.2024 requesting the State to sign the MoU and implement PM SHRI scheme. Similarly, letters from Secretary, DoSE&L dated 15.09.2022, 06.02.2023 & 23.02.2024 have been sent to the Principal Secretary, West Bengal, for the signing of the MoU. However, no communication has been received from the State of West Bengal.

(d): PM SHRI Scheme aims to showcase all the components of the National Education Policy 2020 and focuses not only on cognitive development, but also creating holistic and well-rounded individuals equipped with key 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. The scheme focuses on creating an equitable, inclusive, and joyful learning environment that caters to diverse backgrounds, multilingual needs, and varied academic abilities. These schools are designed to engage students actively in their learning process, ensuring that every child feels welcomed, cared for, and supported in a safe and stimulating environment. Therefore, the students of West Bengal stand to miss out on these benefits of PM SHRI scheme for not signing the MoU.