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Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) in Aspirational Districts

†2626. Dr. Anand Kumar:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any provision for setting up model degree colleges in aspirational districts under Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM - USHA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the proposal and criteria prescribed for setting up model degree colleges in such blocks of aspirational districts where there are no degree colleges and the details of the estimated amount and target for these colleges;
- (c) whether the Government has identified such districts across the country where model degree colleges are to be opened under the said abhiyan; and
- (d) if so, the details of such districts and blocks identified in Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(Dr. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (d): The government has launched the third phase of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) with an outlay of Rs. 12,926.10 crore for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 to cater to needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas.

As per the scheme guidelines, districts with no government HEIs were eligible under the component of New Model Degree College for the establishment of a New Model Degree College. Under the component, only 90 proposals were received from the States/UTs. However out of these, only 9 proposals are found to be eligible as per the scheme guidelines. The PAB approved a total of 8 units in the eligible States/UTs (4 in Nagaland, 2 in Manipur and 2 in Meghalaya) with a total amount of Rs.119.98 crore under the component.

The State of Uttar Pradesh submitted 11 proposals under the component New Model Degree College, but none of the proposals was found to be eligible as per the scheme guidelines. However, under the earlier phases of RUSA, 26 Model Degree Colleges have been approved for support in Uttar Pradesh for a total amount of Rs. 312 crore, out of which 19 have been completed and 7 are still ongoing.
