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LOK SABHA
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Funds for Tamil Nadu under Central Education Schemes

2684. Ms. S Jothimani:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated to Tamil Nadu under various central education schemes, including Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and PM SHRI Schools during the last three years, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether there has been any reduction/increase in fund allocation in the Union Budget 2025-26 for school and higher education sectors of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allocated and disbursed for the up gradation of Government schools and higher education institutions in the State under centrally sponsored schemes along with the number of institutions that have been benefitted?

ANSWER

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

(a): The details of total funds allocated to the State of Tamil Nadu by Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education under Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the last three years, are as follows:

(Rs. in Cr.)

Scheme	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Samagra Shiksha	3055.41	3444.71	3535.25
ULLAS	7.19*	9.83	8.28
PM POSHAN	716.34	696.89	760.34

*Total amount allocated for the year 2020-21 and 2021-22

State Govt of Tamil Nadu is yet to sign the MoU for implementation of PM SHRI scheme in the State.

(b): The Government of India is committed to strengthening the education sector across all states, including Tamil Nadu, in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Samagra Shiksha has been aligned with NEP 2020. Fund allocation is carried out with a focus on enhancing access, equity, quality, and innovation in both school and higher education.

Any modifications in funding, whether an increase or a reduction, are made through a comprehensive assessment of educational priorities, implementation progress, and state-specific needs. These decisions are taken in consultation with the State Government to ensure alignment with local requirements and national goals. The Central Government continues to support Tamil Nadu's education sector through centrally sponsored schemes and initiatives aimed at improving learning outcomes, teacher training, digital education, infrastructure development etc.

(c): Samagra Shiksha Scheme supports creation of infrastructure and up gradation of 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 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.

Since inception of Samagra Shiksha (2018-19), a total amount of Rs. 1200.95 cr. has been approved for 96978 infrastructure works including up gradation of government schools in Tamil Nadu on the basis of the proposals of the State Government and extant norms of the schemes. Further, for higher education institutions, Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)/PM – USHA, a centrally sponsored scheme is implemented to improve the quality, access, and equity of higher education in the country with an objective to strengthen state higher education institutions by providing funding and policy support in collaboration with state governments. Since the inception of the scheme in 2013, a total of 99 units with a central support of Rs. 526 Crore have been approved in the State of Tamil Nadu under various components including Up gradation of Existing Degree College to Model Degree Colleges, Infrastructure Grants to Universities, and Infrastructure Grants to Colleges etc.
