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Education Proposals received from Maharashtra

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of proposals received by the Government from the State Government of Maharashtra relating to education during the last three years;
- (b) the total number of proposals approved/lying pending out of them; and
- (c) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be approved by the Government?

A N S W E R

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

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

Under the scheme of Samagra Shiksha, PM Shri, PM Poshan, STARS and ULLAS the annual plans are prepared by the States and UTs based on their requirements and priorities as per the components mentioned in the Samagra Shiksha framework and this is reflected in their respective Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) Proposals. These plans are then appraised and approved/estimated by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in the Department of School Education & Literacy in consultation with the States and UTs as per the programmatic and financial norms of the respective scheme, and physical and financial progress of the State for the interventions approved earlier. Based on the approved AWP&B, the Central Share under Samagra Shiksha is released to the respective State Government in two or more instalments as per financial norms and not district-wise or component-wise. Furthermore, it is upon the State to use the fund as per its priority and needs. The proposals for 2025-26 are being approved currently. Details of the scheme of this Ministry is as under:

Samagra Shiksha

Department had 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:

The details of central share of approved PAB proposal and 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 Crore)

State	Year	Approval(Central Share)	Central Share Releases
Maharashtra	2021-22	1013.70	693.02
	2022-23	1234.18	900.00
	2023-24	1317.43	998.79
	2024-25	1321.89	769.12

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

(Figures in INR Crores)

State	Year	Approval	Approval(Central Share)	Central Releases
Maharashtra	2021-22	129.80	77.88	24.71
	2022-23	155.15	93.09	22.46

	2023-24	335.45	201.27	156.26
	2024-25	532.4	319.44	75.36

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 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. 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 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 approved PAB proposal and Centre share released for PM SHRI Scheme in the state of Maharashtra for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 are as follows:

(Rs. in Crores)

State	Year	Approval	Approval(Central Share)	Central Releases as on (03/03/2025)
Maharashtra	2023-24	211.35	126.81	63.42
	2024-25	504.63	302.77	71.00

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

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. 12926.10 crore for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 to cater to needs of educationally unserved/underserved areas.

Under PM-USHA, the proposals were submitted by the State of Maharashtra after due diligence and consideration of the proposals received from the state funded universities and colleges. All the proposals received from the state were placed before Project Approval Board (PAB) for its consideration and approval. After due deliberation and discussion, the PAB approved 61 proposals under various components for an amount of Rs.814.24 crore. Currently, there is no pending proposal of the state under the scheme.

ULLAS – New India Literacy Programme (NILP)

ULLAS, which stands for Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society, is centrally sponsored scheme, aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and to 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 central share of approved PAB proposal and Centre share released under ULLAS Scheme in the State of Maharashtra for the year 2022-23 to 2024-25 are as follows:

(Rs. in Lakh)

State	Year	Approval (Central Share)	Central Share Releases
Maharashtra	2022-23	756.69	567.52
	2023-24	1398.17	Nil*
	2024-25	1398.17	Nil

*Due to low pace of expenditure

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 central share of approved PAB proposal and 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)

State	Year	Approval(Central Share)	Central Releases as on (07/03/2025)
Maharashtra	2021-22	121547.20	49075.07
	2022-23	106981.63	159240.67
	2023-24	109955.50	79372.10
	2024-25	132919.98	42744.56