

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 3725  
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**Schools of Eminence Project in Punjab**

3725. Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of the Schools of Eminence Project in Punjab;
- (b) the number of such schools established so far;
- (c) the criteria for selection of schools under this project;
- (d) the funds allocated for upgrading these schools; and
- (e) the impact of this project on the quality of education in the State?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) As informed by the State Government of Punjab, 118 Government Senior Secondary Schools in the state of Punjab are being transformed into Schools of Eminence (SoE). The construction and renovation of 14 SoE schools have been completed. The construction and renovation of SoE Schools are being done in phases.

(c) The criteria for selecting Schools of Eminence in Punjab were as follows:

- i. Schools were required to have the minimum necessary infrastructure and sufficient space for future expansion.
- ii. Schools were required to have adequate students' enrollment preferably co-educational with the capacity to accommodate more number of students.
- iii. Schools were selected based on their strategic location in urban and semi-urban areas to ensure easy access for students.

(d) Budget allocation of Rs. 168 crore was made by the State Government from 2022-23 to 2024-25 to upgrade these schools.

(e) In these Schools of Eminence, Students for 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades are admitted through an entrance examination. Special coaching is provided to prepare students for competitive exams such as JEE, NEET and CLAT. Additionally, career counselling is offered along with exposure visits for all students of Schools of Eminence enriching their academic experience and offering valuable insights into professional life.

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