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Digital Upgradation in Private and Government Schools

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to digitally upgrade Private and Government schools in all the States/UTs in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline fixed in this regard;
(c) whether the NSS activities are currently being digitalized in schools across the country;
(d) if so, the details thereof State-wise and district-wise including Maharashtra along with the time by which the said digitalization is likely to be completed;
(e) the number of schools currently using the Eco-club portal in the country along with corresponding participation figures thereof State-wise and district-wise in particularly Parbhani Lok Sabha Constituency; and
(f) the amount of funds released for ICT/Smart Classrooms for the year 2024-25 and 2025-26 in the country, State-wise and district-wise for Maharashtra thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): Education is part of the Concurrent List of the Constitution and most of the Government schools are under the administration of the State Government and its bodies. Ministry of Education (MoE) announced the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) on 29.07.2020 as the first education policy of the 21st century that aims to address the many growing developmental imperatives of our country. The Ministry of Education implements ICT and Digital initiatives under Samagra Shiksha, aligned with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, to enhance digital learning in Government schools across the country. The initiatives aim to enhance the quality of education by integrating technology into teaching and learning processes including hardware, software, tablets, laptops and training resources, supporting digital boards, virtual classrooms and DTH channels. Under the scheme, funds are provided for setting up ICT Labs and Smart Classrooms according to the requirements of the State submitted in the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B).

The Ministry of Education approves funds for ICT and Smart Classrooms under Samagra Shiksha based on the proposals received from States and Union Territories. To saturate all Secondary and Higher Secondary schools with ICT Labs and Smart Classrooms, a Supplementary Project Approval Board (PAB) meeting was held on 28th May, 2025. A total of 20,456 ICT Labs and 29,896 Smart Classrooms have been approved, with financial approval of Rs. 911.13 crore for ICT Labs and Rs. 630.38 crore for Smart Classrooms under Samagra Shiksha, in addition to earlier approval of 1,56,213 ICT Labs and 1,46,040 Smart Classrooms across the country. Further, 839 ICT Labs and 851 Smart Classrooms for Secondary and Senior Secondary schools were approved for the State of Maharashtra.

During FY 2024-25, financial allocation of Rs. 54,372 lakh and Rs. 59,519 lakh and in FY 2025-26, financial allocation of Rs. 1,59,607 lakh and Rs. 99,697 lakh was approved Nation-wide for ICT labs and Smart Classrooms respectively. For the State of Maharashtra, Rs. 1,552.9 lakh and Rs. 50.4 lakh was approved for ICT Labs and Smart Classrooms respectively in FY 2024-25 (including KGBV), while Rs. 4,517.3 lakh and Rs. 5,911.2 lakh was approved for ICT Labs and Smart Classrooms respectively in FY 2025-26.

The Eco-Club Portal (https://ecoclubs.education.gov.in/) is being used by 9,47,851 schools across the country. A total of 1,544 schools from Parbhani district are presently registered and using the Eco-Club Portal.

National Service Scheme (NSS) is under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYA&S). Activities under NSS are being progressively digitised through the My Bharat portal (https://mybharat.gov.in/), which serves as a comprehensive platform for the youth including NSS volunteers digitally.

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