

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

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Negotiations of MoU for the PM SHRI Scheme in Kerala

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the timeline of the negotiations and execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the PM SHRI scheme with the State Government of Kerala, including the date of signing and any subsequent communications regarding withholding or implementation status as on date along with the total funds sanctioned, disbursed or withheld, if any;
- (b) the number of schools in Kerala proposed for upgradation under the said scheme;
- (c) whether any complaints and concerns from stakeholders, including teacher associations, parent groups and civil societies regarding the scheme's linkage to the National Education Policy (NEP) have been received and addressed, if so, the details and outcomes thereof; and
- (d) whether any funds are pending for sanction and disbursement under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan for Kerala and if so, the total amount pending and the timeline for disbursement?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) is a centrally sponsored scheme in which 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 (NEP) 2020, be the exemplar schools, and also offer benchmarking leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood.

Under the PM SHRI scheme, States/UTs sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Centre, laying down the commitments for supporting these schools for achieving specified quality assurance as PM SHRI schools. Thereafter, the selection of PM SHRI schools is done through the challenge mode, wherein schools compete for support to become exemplar schools.

The State of Kerala has signed the MoU on 23rd October 2025, which is to be followed by transparent challenge mode for the selection of PM SHRI schools. The State of Kerala has been requested to upload information of schools on PM SHRI portal.

The number of schools in Kerala proposed for upgradation under the PM SHRI scheme depends on the norms of the scheme, which limit maximum of two schools per block/ULB, the number of schools that meet the prescribed criteria, and the availability of the balance target under the scheme.

PM SHRI schools are exemplar schools of NEP 2020, where its multiple facets are given effect to.

(d): The Department of School Education & Literacy is implementing the centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha in partnership with all the States and UTs. Samagra Shiksha has been aligned with NEP 2020. Financial assistance is provided to all States and UTs for various components for implementation of the interventions under Samagra Shiksha as per norms. Accordingly, the annual plans under Samagra Shiksha are prepared by the States and UTs based on their requirements and priority and this is reflected in their respective Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B). These plans are then appraised and approved/estimated by Project Approval Board (PAB) in consultation with the States and UTs as per the programmatic and financial norms of the scheme. The release of central share depends on the submission of the utilisation certificates, audit reports in respect of funds released earlier, physical and financial progress reports, State contributions and compliance with the scheme norms.

The details of the Central Government funds sanctioned and disbursed under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan to the State of Kerala in the FY 2025-26 is as follows:

(Rs. in crores)			
Financial Year	Total PAB approved	Total central share approved	Total central share released (First installment)
2025-26	761.08	452.05	92.41
