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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOKSABHA
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Implementation of PM-USHA in Tamil Nadu

1473. Shri C N Annadurai:
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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation and outcomes of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) in Tamil Nadu, particularly in improving higher education infrastructure and quality in Government and aided colleges, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of institutions in the State that have been approved for support under PM USHA along with the details of the funds sanctioned, released and utilised during the last three years;

(c) whether shortages in faculty, research labs, digital learning facilities and student support services continue to persist despite PM-USHA interventions, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any evaluation has been conducted by the Government on improvements in enrolment, retention and employability outcomes for students in PM-USHA supported colleges in the State, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that PM-USHA funding translates into enhanced academic quality and equitable access to high quality higher education across the districts in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (e): Education being in the Concurrent List, enhancing the quality of education is the responsibility of both the Central and State Governments. The Central Government has implemented various schemes for supporting State Governments. As per the AISHE Report 2022–23, the State of Tamil Nadu has a total of 65 Universities and 2913 Colleges with an enrolment of 34,04,989 students in HEIs.

The Government of India is implementing Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), which is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, aimed at funding specific State government Universities and Colleges, so as to improve their quality by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards. 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, including the committed liabilities of the earlier phase of RUSA, for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26, to cater to the needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas.

In the State of Tamil Nadu, under RUSA, a total of 100 projects with an amount of Rs.873.95 crore have been approved under various components for strengthening infrastructure, including the construction and renovation of academic and administrative buildings, hostels, research facilities, digital laboratories, and other enabling facilities required for improving access and quality in higher education. Out of total approved projects, 90 projects have already been completed. During the last three financial years and the current financial year i.e. 2022-23 to 2025-26, a central share of Rs. 60.91 Crore has been released to the State, so far

Under the scheme, for continuation of PM-USHA in its next phase, a third-party evaluation was conducted by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in August 2025, which recommended continuation of the scheme. The scheme has been further extended till 31st March, 2028 for completion of PM-USHA projects and for additional 6 months (i.e. 30th September, 2026) for completion of RUSA projects.
