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Kendriya Vidyalayas Cauvery Delta Regions in Tamil Nadu

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the long-pending demand for establishing Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in Mayiladuthurai or Kumbakonam towns in Tamil Nadu highlighting the need for quality central education in densely populated and agriculturally significant Cauvery delta regions, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any feasibility studies and land availability checks in these areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of KVs currently operational in Tamil Nadu, along with the criteria followed for sanctioning new KVs district-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has any alternative measures being considered to enhance central schooling options in the Cauvery delta, such as upgrading existing schools or introducing model schools under schemes like PM SHRI, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (c) Opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) is a continuous process. KVs are opened primarily to cater to the educational needs of the wards of transferable Central Government Employees including Defence & Para-Military personnel, Central Autonomous Bodies, Central Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Central Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) by providing a common programme of education throughout the country. Proposals for opening of new KVs may be sponsored by Ministries or Departments of the Government of India/State Governments/ Union Territories Administrations, with commitment to provide requisite extent of land, free of cost and

suitable rent-free temporary accommodation for setting up a new KV, as per Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) norms. As per information received from KVS, no proposal has been received for opening of new KV in Mayiladuthurai or Kumbakonam towns in Tamil Nadu. KVs are not opened on the criteria of State/UT/District/Parliamentary Constituency/Backward area. At present, 46 KVs are operational in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(d) PM SHRI Scheme aims to showcase all the components of the National Education Policy 2020. Under PM SHRI scheme, the established schools are developed as exemplar schools to showcase the implementation of various components of NEP and also provide 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 PM SHRI scheme, a maximum of two schools per block/ULB are selected with an upper limit on the total number of schools across India. A total of 13,076 PM SHRI schools have been selected from 33 States/UTs along with KVS/NVS/NCERT. Out of 13,076 schools, a total of 36 KV have been selected as PM SHRI schools from the State of Tamil Nadu including 03 KVs from Cauvery delta region i.e. KV Thanjavur, KV No. 1, Trichy and KV No. 2, Trichy. The State of Tamil Nadu has not onboarded itself on PM SHRI Schools despite multiple requests.
