

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4934

ANSWERED ON 23/03/2026

Lack of Internet Connectivity in Rural Schools

4934. Shri Adhikari Deepak Dev:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the lack of internet connectivity in schools in rural areas in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number and percentage at schools in rural areas that do not have internet connectivity;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the impact on learning among students in Government schools in rural areas lacking internet connectivity; and
- (d) if so, the details of the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): 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. The Ministry of Education implements ICT and Digital initiatives under Samagra Shiksha to enhance digital learning in Government schools across the country, including rural areas.

At present, across India, 9,33,987 (63.5%) schools have internet connection. The State/UT wise list of rural schools with internet connection as per UDISE+ FY2024-25 report has been annexed.

Availability of internet connectivity in the government schools in rural areas enables dissemination of digital content to teachers and students through Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) It is the Nation's digital infrastructure for providing quality e-content for school education in States/UTs and QR coded Energised Textbooks (ETBs) for all grades (One Nation, One Digital platform). It also helps the students and teachers to get access to e-learning, teacher training, inclusive education, bridging the urban-rural education and latest technological interventions like AI. Reliable internet connectivity acts as the backbone for effective outreach of these digital programmes.

The Government of India, in the Budget 2025, has announced provision of broadband connectivity to all Government Secondary schools in rural areas, under the 'BharatNet' project to enhance digital infrastructure in remote areas by BSNL in a phased manner.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4934 RAISED BY SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK DEV, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ANSWERED ON 23.03.2026 REGARDING "LACK OF INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN RURAL SCHOOLS".

Table: State/UT wise number of schools having internet facility as per UDISE+ for FY2024-25

S. No	India/State/ UT	Total Schools	Schools with internet facility available	% of Schools with internet facility
	India	14,71,473	9,33,987	63.5%
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	408	264	64.7%
2	Andhra Pradesh	61,317	60,731	99.0%
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3,229	1,086	33.6%
4	Assam	55,283	48,201	87.2%
5	Bihar	94,339	80,035	84.8%
6	Chandigarh	207	207	100.0%
7	Chhattisgarh	56,802	36,511	64.3%
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu	433	431	99.5%
9	Delhi	5,556	5,556	100.0%
10	Goa	1,479	1,379	93.2%
11	Gujarat	53,355	51,514	96.5%
12	Haryana	23,494	18,539	78.9%
13	Himachal Pradesh	17,330	11,011	63.5%
14	Jammu and Kashmir	24,192	11,883	49.1%
15	Jharkhand	44,376	25,715	57.9%
16	Karnataka	74,859	37,921	50.7%
17	Kerala	15,757	14,442	91.7%
18	Ladakh	961	488	50.8%
19	Lakshadweep	36	36	100.0%
20	Madhya Pradesh	1,22,120	55,865	45.7%
21	Maharashtra	1,08,250	78,084	72.1%
22	Manipur	4,666	1,709	36.6%
23	Meghalaya	14,587	3,858	26.4%
24	Mizoram	3,974	2,580	64.9%
25	Nagaland	2,750	1,622	59.0%
26	Odisha	61,565	51,588	83.8%
27	Puducherry	763	760	99.6%
28	Punjab	27,281	24,249	88.9%
29	Rajasthan	1,06,302	74,358	69.9%
30	Sikkim	1,245	643	51.6%
31	Tamil Nadu	57,935	49,211	84.9%
32	Telangana	43,154	27,309	63.3%
33	Tripura	4,943	2,059	41.7%
34	Uttar Pradesh	2,62,358	1,20,465	45.9%
35	Uttarakhand	22,452	16,236	72.3%
36	West Bengal	93,715	17,441	18.6%