

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

LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-4999
ANSWERED ON –23/03/2026

INITIATIVES TO REDUCE URBAN- RURAL GAP IN QUALITY EDUCATION

4999. **Smt. Roopkumari Choudhary:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress achieved under Samagra Shiksha during the last three years, including State-wise allocation, utilisation of funds and development of infrastructure such as additional classrooms, laboratories, libraries and ICT facilities in Government schools;

(b) whether the Government has prepared a time-bound national roadmap for 2025–30 to expand digital infrastructure, including smart classrooms, broadband connectivity and ICT laboratories in Government schools, particularly in rural, tribal and aspirational districts and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in line with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Government proposes to establish model schools, skill laboratories and technology-enabled learning centres to reduce the urban–rural gap in quality education and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any policy initiative has been proposed to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI), digital learning platforms and hybrid learning models in school education, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to create a national monitoring framework to track learning outcomes, infrastructure quality and digital adoption in schools and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a): The State-wise details of Central share funds allocated and released is at **Annexure-I**.

The details of development of infrastructure such as additional classrooms, laboratories, libraries and ICT facilities in Government schools under Samagra Shiksha for last 3 years is at **Annexure-II**.

(b): Samagra Shiksha scheme has been envisaged as an additional support to the State and UTs to improve quality of education. However, education being in the concurrent list with majority of the schools under the domain of the State and UTs, the primary responsibility of providing accessible, affordable, equitable, inclusive and quality education lies with the State/UT Governments. Preference in the interventions is given to Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs), LWE affected districts, Special Focus Districts (SFDs), Border areas and the Aspirational districts. The current scheme was approved for the period of 2021-22 to 2025-26. Restructuring of the scheme for the period of 2026-27 to 2031-2032 is under consideration. 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.

(c) & (d): Under the centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs for Universalization of School Education including opening/strengthening of new schools up to senior secondary level, construction of school buildings & additional classrooms, development/strengthening of school infrastructure in northern border areas under Vibrant Village Programme, setting up, up-gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, construction of hostels for PVTGs under PM-JANMAN, setting up of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, construction of hostels under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan for unsaturated ST population, reimbursement under RTE Act, various qualitative components, strengthening of teacher education and strengthening of DIETs/BRCs/CRCs, provision of ICT and digital interventions.

Further, Department of School Education & Literacy sponsors Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI). It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in which 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. Till date, 13091 schools have been selected as PM SHRI schools in the country.

The skill Education component under Samagra Shiksha provides for giving exposure to Vocational Education to students of Grades VI to VIII and introduction of vocational courses from Grades IX to XII, which are aligned with the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) notified by the Government of India in 2013. The NSQF is a nationally integrated education and competency-based framework and organizes qualifications according to a series of levels of knowledge, skills, and aptitude. The government provides financial and infrastructural support through the Samagra Shiksha scheme and the Hub and Spoke Model. This model maximizes resource efficiency by allowing "Spoke" schools to utilize the high-quality laboratories and equipment available at "Hub" centers, such as ITIs, Polytechnics, or specialized PM SHRI schools.

Digital content has been made available to teachers and students through a platform called 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).

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasises the importance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its role in school curriculum. Under “Curricular Integration of Essential Subjects, Skills, and Capacities”, the policy mentions in para 4.24 that concerted curricular and pedagogical initiatives, including the introduction of contemporary subjects such as Artificial Intelligence, Design Thinking, Holistic Health, Organic Living, Environmental Education, Global Citizenship Education (GCED), etc. at relevant stages will be undertaken to develop these various important skills in students at all levels. The Ministry of Education, Government of India implements ICT and Digital initiatives under Samagra Shiksha, aligned with NEP 2020. These initiatives aim to enhance the quality of education by integrating technology into learning and teaching processes. Under Samagra Shiksha, funding is provided for setting up of ICT labs in Schools and Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs). To facilitate online learning for all, a comprehensive initiative called ‘PM eVidya’ was initiated as part of ‘Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan’ on 17th May, 2020, which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education across the country.

The key components of PM eVidya are also aligned towards enhancing digital literacy and include 200 DTH TV channels. These channels were launched on 9th March 2024 by Hon’ble Education Minister and now expanded to 200 PM eVidya DTH TV channels and 400 Radio channels to enable all States/UTs to provide supplementary education in various Indian languages for classes 1-12. The channels have been allocated to the States/UTs and Autonomous Bodies under an MoU with NCERT and are operational.

(e): Department of School Education & Literacy has developed Performance Grading Index, State (PGI) by combining 73 indicators from various domains of school education viz., learning outcomes, access outcomes, infrastructure, facilities, equity outcomes, etc. The PGI-State reports for the year from 2017-18 to 2023-24 can be accessed at <https://pgi.udiseplus.gov.in/#/statepgi/home>

“PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024” was conducted across India on 04.12.2024, to understand the baseline performance in development of competencies among the students at the end of the Foundational, Preparatory, and Middle stages (Grades 3, 6, and 9 respectively). National, State and District level report cards for PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024 are available at <https://dashboard.parakh.ncert.gov.in/en>.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4999 ANSWERED ON 23.03.2026 ASKED BY SMT. ROOPKUMARI CHOUDHARY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING INITIATIVES TO REDUCE URBAN- RURAL GAP IN QUALITY EDUCATION

State/UT-wise details of Central Allocation and Central Share released under Samagra Shiksha from 2023-24 to 2025-26 till 17.03.2026

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the State	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
		Central Allocation	Central share Released	Central Allocation	Central share Released	Central Allocation	Central share Released
1	A & N Islands	9532.55	5527.59	8484.17	6052.36	8939.32	3067.72
2	Andhra Pradesh	179657.608	128940.788	173293.31	124010.57	150932.16	101269.35
3	Arunachal Pradesh	59601.029	47503.49	64447.49	57585.11	78323.47	45388.95
4	Assam	260407.292	181046.93	288347.22	202677.34	368806.99	208441.98
5	Bihar	502132.656	424173.08	499123.47	421781.44	601525.04	553372.53
6	Chandigarh	13213.99	11636.31	13720.64	11858.35	14810.08	12005.58
7	Chhattisgarh	120045.112	77659.06	126779.26	83065.84	118482.35	54421.99
8	DND and DNH	9537.23	4130.25	9802.68	5462.64	10972.68	6464.84
9	Delhi	37783.6	14608.83	56633.22	38539.03	56633.22	36574.97
10	Goa	3077.84	1875.43	2426.79	1633.61	2770.98	2038.88
11	Gujarat	133473.508	113253.16	160173.72	124554.05	143519.86	126776.81
12	Haryana	101502.757	57880.24	107632.86	53643.94	84604.25	28230.86
13	Himachal Pradesh	68685.118	48596.96	76494.93	52619.99	71073.55	52015.39
14	Jammu & Kashmir	173649.666	86543.88	172160.13	82349.31	143599.16	29767.08
15	Jharkhand	125218.508	110493.28	117386.04	107444.41	122684.85	77742.52
16	Karnataka	95443.122	82808.79	93654.51	86830.33	114334.70	79054.19
17	Kerala	34334.47	14165.74	42889.42	0.00	45204.68	9241.16
18	Ladakh	19159.03	5222.63	20099.43	13999.80	24401.82	13940.53
19	Lakshadweep	575.47	100.05	741.78	306.12	881.10	310.70
20	Madhya Pradesh	389333.2	298151.13	412209.15	343471.12	375084.65	303907.55
21	Maharashtra	134800.532	100119.1	143859.39	112624.52	143182.77	96815.32
22	Manipur	49677.819	25721.89	53200.51	46559.15	59620.04	21813.90
23	Meghalaya	40496.07	39418.22	39882.71	36282.56	40658.74	24638.62
24	Mizoram	36087.439	27414.06	29798.67	21651.76	33224.04	10029.98
25	Nagaland	33362.725	23125.34	28439.24	21140.50	36020.06	17986.86
26	Odisha	196376.544	123660.69	193480.26	167239.29	213955.90	132364.59
27	Puducherry	2256.398	1247.37	1974.29	1246.03	2126.35	873.36
28	Punjab	71866.492	33111.65	70878.25	67813.14	94756.42	58620.27
29	Rajasthan	359233.848	320289.45	386553.2	309065.25	334568.23	118529.16
30	Sikkim	16891.638	13260.51	15661	12273.95	16641.54	7887.77
31	Tamil Nadu	212764.72	187615.54	215315.01	0.00	189642.31	53839.90
32	Telangana	116557.4	92012.79	116271.55	98878.94	112421.86	98858.92
33	Tripura	44074.73	34132.90	45179.94	42002.98	50742.20	35865.63
34	Uttar Pradesh	664429.006	427645.13	697621.18	626479.22	589243.27	350868.06
35	Uttarakhand	72768.264	44056.91	88371.48	64678.27	76780.05	31648.97
36	West Bengal	176747.914	31129.41	174579.86	0.00	199839.46	0.00
	Total	4564755.30	3238278.58	4747566.76	3445820.90	4731008.16	2804674.89

ANNEXURE-II

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The details of development of infrastructure such as additional classrooms, laboratories, libraries and ICT facilities in Government schools under Samagra Shiksha

ACR, Labs and Library Rooms (Non-Recurring) approvals under Samagra Shiksha from 2023-24 to 2025-26										Library Grant (Recurring) in 2025-26	
SI No	State	Additional Classroom		Labs		Library Room		ICT		Approval	Amount (Lakh)
		Approval	Amount (Lakh)	Approval	Amount (Lakh)	Approval	Amount (Lakh)	Approval	Amount (Lakh)		
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	0	0.00	8	506.25	1	66.00	10	28.50	316	30.43
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	173	2419.57	557	12689.42	115	2656.50	684	3706.90	44910	3365.92
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	226	3390.00	109	4360.00	34	602.00	342	1108.70	2457	225.2
4	ASSAM	3192	40583.07	2051	38908.81	0	0.00	1414	7382.10	5329	459.23
5	BIHAR	6615	101722.71	14593	207063.61	12	352.80	1459	8152.00	77856	7530.84
6	CHANDIGARH	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	49	298.90	109	17.83
7	CHHATTISGARH	1148	9466.14	76	647.25	60	611.40	4852	21043.00	48173	4051.31
8	DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	17	44.50	343	35.16
9	DELHI	9	191.16	0	0.00	0	0.00	777	1956.80	2645	290.49
10	DND - DNH	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	7	21.40	0	0
11	GOA	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	13.40	0	0
12	GUJARAT	732	13210.61	4	83.48	3	69.66	795	3268.70	0	0
13	HARYANA	1695	20130.47	986	13606.57	168	2737.68	1372	6176.20	14019	1013.5
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	189	2367.33	268	3439.80	235	4157.30	576	2898.10	14495	1243
15	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	2824	35330.90	391	7038.00	147	3651.04	1219	3603.70	18328	1746.12
16	JHARKHAND	965	9225.40	866	11024.18	1	17.50	1858	8621.50	0	0

17	KARNATAKA	0	0.00	347	347.00	0	0.00	1118	5985.60	46434	3903.65
18	KERALA	0	0.00	61	1830.00	0	0.00	79	477.10	4727	497.11
19	LADAKH	125	1204.66	4	62.16	10	183.46	61	159.50	761	77.94
20	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	23	2.38
21	MADHYA PRADESH	976	15908.80	1215	23896.89	168	2738.40	5259	24876.30	8737	1079.2
22	MAHARASHTRA	99	1295.18	535	9418.50	45	988.46	1485	8437.10	49003	934.625
23	MANIPUR	186	4271.24	88	2941.39	32	1198.00	262	887.60	0	0
24	MEGHALAYA	18	243.78	0	0.00	0	0.00	161	580.80	7700	574.74
25	MIZORAM	15	335.20	20	584.90	3	78.00	657	1876.50	2526	239.25
26	NAGALAND	24	547.37	65	1820.00	0	0.00	51	127.50	1881	170.47
27	ODISHA	1360	25435.60	344	9116.34	0	0.00	1672	8155.40	48099	4242.22
28	PUDUCHERRY	4	69.44	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	398	38.11
29	PUNJAB	1960	17124.76	317	3855.54	167	1902.82	1908	8878.30	18772	1567.8
30	RAJASTHAN	1242	14749.62	3430	65422.10	872	15207.50	4309	17436.30	137734	7693.64422
31	SIKKIM	4	88.20	11	297.00	0	0.00	17	127.50	836	76
32	TAMIL NADU	107	1819.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6735	29786.10	0	0
33	TELANGANA	209	3329.00	598	11163.00	0	0.00	2214	10149.70	27293	1595.38
34	TRIPURA	301	7382.24	113	3083.96	33	1090.00	425	2432.10	4128	408.06
35	UTTAR PRADESH	5412	46921.82	8	710.82	9	160.74	14552	66041.30	50598	1528.73
36	UTTARAKHAND	338	5084.49	357	8935.38	38	982.70	215	1040.60	15805	1264.58
37	WEST BENGAL	812	9831.07	4300	69692.87	0	0.00	63	755.20	81033	1412.34
	Grand Total	30960	393678.84	31722	512545.22	2153	39451.96	56677	256534.90	735468	47315.26

*Source : Prabandh Portal