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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 5974**  
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**Functional of PM-SHRI Schools**

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Shri Gyaneshwar Patil:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of PM-SHRI schools established and currently functional in various States in the country particularly in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh during the last five years i.e., since the inception of the PM-SHRI scheme as on date;
- (b) the details of the improvements being made in infrastructure and digital learning tools under the PM-SHRI school initiative in the country;
- (c) the details of concrete measures taken by the Government to ensure that students from rural and economically weaker backgrounds in the State of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh are benefitted by the said initiative; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide green and energy-efficient infrastructure in PM-SHRI schools in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) is a centrally sponsored scheme, approved on 7th September, 2022, which aims to strengthen more than 14,500 schools from amongst the existing schools managed by Central Government/State/UT Government/local bodies. As per the PM SHRI guidelines, a maximum of two schools per block/Urban Local Body (ULB) are selected with an upper limit on the total number of schools across India. Till 25.03.2026, a total of 13,091 PM SHRI schools have been selected from 33 States/UTs along with KVS, NVS, and NCERT of which 799 PM SHRI schools are from State of Madhya Pradesh and 860 PM SHRI schools are from State of Maharashtra. The details of these PM SHRI schools may be accessed on the website of PM SHRI scheme at the link: <https://pmsfri.education.gov.in/state>.

(b): To improve infrastructure, PM SHRI schools across the country are saturated with components such as Building as Learning Aid (BaLa) feature, jaadui pitara, child friendly furniture, outdoor play materials, additional class room etc. in primary and elementary schools and furniture, fully equipped integrated science lab/physics lab/chemistry lab/ biology lab, smart

classrooms, computer lab/ ICT Lab, skill lab, playground with well- equipped sports facilities additional class room etc. for secondary and senior secondary schools.

Further, PM SHRI scheme also has a provision to improve digital infrastructure in PM SHRI schools by establishing ICT labs, smart classrooms, computer labs, internet facility and digital libraries along with digital educational content. Platforms like DIKSHA are being utilized to provide a repository of high-quality digital learning resources, enabling resource- sharing among educators and students.

(c): To benefit the students from rural and economically weaker backgrounds, including in the States of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, the PM SHRI Scheme ensures an equitable, inclusive and joyful school environment catering to diverse backgrounds and multilingual needs. It promotes universal participation by tracking enrolment and learning levels of every child and providing opportunities for Out of School Children (OoS), along with beneficiary-oriented entitlements such as free uniforms, textbooks, and transport/escort facilities. The scheme also focuses on strengthening foundational literacy and numeracy, implementation of Learning Enhancement Programmes, and adoption of experiential, competency-based and learner-centric pedagogy for holistic development. Further, it emphasizes inclusive practices for Children with Special Needs (CWSN) and gender equity, community participation through SMC/SMDC, use of schools as Samajik Chetna Kendras, and development of PM SHRI schools as exemplar schools offering benchmarking leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood.

(d): To provide green and energy-efficient infrastructure, PM SHRI scheme has a provision to develop PM SHRI schools as green schools by incorporating environment friendly aspects such as rainwater harvesting, energy efficient using solar panels and LED lightings, nutrition gardens with natural farming, waste management, plastic-free, water conservation and harvesting, study of traditions/practises related to protection of environment and awareness generation to incorporate an organic lifestyle. These interventions aim to create a sustainable and eco-friendly learning environment in schools across the nation.

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