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LOK SABHA
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PM SHRI Schemes in Kolar

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schools selected in Kolar district, Karnataka under the PM SHRI (Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India) Scheme for demonstrating the objectives of the National Education Policy, 2020 and the criteria adopted for their selection;
- (b) the details of initiatives being implemented in the said district for development of smart classrooms, digital laboratories, integrated learning spaces, sports infrastructure, libraries and technology-enabled teaching facilities under the Scheme;
- (c) the details of programmes introduced for promoting experiential learning, coding education, vocational exposure, environmental awareness, innovation and holistic development among students studying in PM SHRI schools; and
- (d) the details of measures proposed to be undertaken by the Government for expanding the benefits of the Scheme to additional schools in the district and strengthening their role as centres of excellence for neighbouring educational institutions?

ANSWER

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

(a): Under PM SHRI scheme, a total of 13 PM SHRI schools including 1 Navodaya Vidyalaya have been selected from Kolar district of Karnataka. The details of PM SHRI schools may be accessed on the website of PM SHRI scheme at the link: <https://pmsfri.education.gov.in/state>. The criteria adopted by the Government for selecting the schools under the PM SHRI scheme are provided under “Selection Methodology” of the PM SHRI Framework, available at the link: https://pmsfri.education.gov.in/assets/pdf/part1_pmsfri.pdf.

(b): Under the PM SHRI Scheme, various initiatives are implemented in PM SHRI schools of Kolar district, Karnataka, to strengthen school infrastructure and improve the quality of education through smart classrooms, digital laboratories, integrated learning spaces, sports infrastructure, libraries and technology-enabled teaching facilities. As informed by the State Government of Karnataka, financial assistance has been provided under the Scheme for these interventions, the details of which are at **Annexure**.

(c): Under PM SHRI scheme, there is a provision to promote experiential, activity-based and competency-based learning in line with the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020. Pedagogy in these schools is learner-centric, inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, discussion-based, flexible and

enjoyable, with emphasis on conceptual understanding and application of knowledge to real-life situations. The Scheme also supports innovative pedagogies, Learning Enhancement Programmes, Holistic Progress Cards, Bagless Days, internships with local artisans, exposure visits, mentoring by eminent experts, and project-based learning to make students active participants in the learning process.

The Scheme also promotes coding education and digital competencies by strengthening ICT infrastructure, smart classrooms, digital libraries and technology-enabled teaching-learning processes. It envisages the integration of digital pedagogy, coding and computational thinking into classroom learning to equip students with 21st century skills and foster creativity, critical thinking, innovation and problem-solving abilities.

For skill education, PM SHRI scheme, aligned with NEP 2020, has a provision to integrate skill education into the mainstream curriculum at the secondary and senior secondary levels, equipping students with essential skills for the future. There is a provision of setting up of skill labs by providing tools & equipment, raw materials, trainers, in-service and induction trainings for trainers, hands on training for students, linkages with sector skill councils etc. Students gain hands-on experience through internships with organisation/companies.

For promoting environmental awareness, there is a provision to develop PM SHRI Schools as Green Schools by incorporating environment-friendly initiatives such as rainwater harvesting, energy-efficient infrastructure using solar panels and LED lighting, nutrition gardens based on natural farming, waste management, plastic-free campuses and water conservation practices. The Scheme also encourages the study of traditional practices related to environmental protection, climate change awareness, organic lifestyles and sustainable development to inculcate environmental consciousness among students.

PM SHRI aims to promote innovation through Learning Enhancement Programmes, innovative pedagogies, competency-based assessment, integration of technology, and continuous teacher capacity building. PM SHRI Schools serve as exemplar institutions for demonstrating the implementation of NEP 2020 and provide benchmarking leadership to neighbourhood schools by promoting innovative teaching-learning practices.

Further, PM SHRI scheme focuses on the holistic development of every child by promoting cognitive, social, emotional, physical and ethical development. The Scheme aims to create well-rounded individuals equipped with key 21st century skills through integration of academics, sports, arts, vocational education, life skills, multilingual education, foundational literacy and numeracy, career guidance, inclusive education and safe, equitable and joyful learning environments.

(d): Under PM SHRI scheme, PM SHRI schools aim to showcase all the initiatives of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, be the exemplar schools, and offer benchmarking leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood. These schools 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.

Annexure**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2375 ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026 ASKED BY SHRI M MALLESH BABU, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "PM SHRI SCHEMES IN KOLAR"**

As informed by the State Government of Karnataka, financial assistance provided under the PM SHRI scheme for smart classrooms, digital laboratories, integrated learning spaces, sports infrastructure, libraries and technology-enabled teaching facilities are as follows:

Smart Classrooms and Technology-enabled Teaching Facilities

Sl. No.	Component	FY	Allocation (₹ in lakh)
1	Digital Software/Hardware/ICT, Smart Classrooms & Computer Laboratories	2025-26	7
2	Desktop Computers/Tablets	2025-26	2.4
3	Digital Software/Hardware/ICT, Smart Classrooms & Computer Laboratories	2026-27	27.5

Digital Laboratories and Integrated Learning Spaces

Sl. No.	Component	FY	Allocation (₹ in lakh)
1	Workshop/Laboratory-cum-Classrooms	2025-26	28.9
2	Science Laboratory Equipment	2025-26	8
3	Integrated Science Laboratories	2025-26	19.29
4	Outdoor Science Parks	2025-26	4
5	Science Circles	2025-26	3.44
6	Mathematics Circles	2025-26	3.44

Library Infrastructure and Reading Spaces

Sl. No.	Component	FY	Allocation (₹ in lakh)
1	Library Grant	2024-25	1.3
2	Construction of Library Rooms and Minor Repairs	2024-25	26.03
3	Reading Corners	2025-26	7.2
4	Library Grant	2026-27	1.9

Sports Infrastructure

Sl. No.	Component	FY	Allocation (₹ in lakh)
1	Development of Playgrounds and Indoor/Outdoor Sports Facilities	2025-26	3.7
2	Sports Equipment	2025-26	8

3	Band Sets	2025-26	8
4	Band Uniforms	2025-26	12.2
5	Yoga Mats	2025-26	7.17
6	Engagement of Sports Teachers	2025-26	8.62
7	Engagement of Yoga Teachers	2025-26	7.6
8	Sports Equipment	2026-27	6
9	Engagement of Yoga/Martial Arts Teachers	2026-27	14.4
