

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.82
ANSWERED ON - 20/07/2026

Funds Allocation and Utilisation under STARS Project

82. Shri G Lakshminarayana:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Project, during the last five years, along with unspent balances and reasons for non-utilisation where expenditure is below fifty per cent, year-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of interventions completed under STARS for strengthening school assessment systems and learning outcomes, including the number of students and teachers reached and improvement in learning indicators recorded, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of teacher education institutions strengthened and trainers trained under STARS, and whether any third-party evaluation has been conducted and, if so, the findings thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to extend STARS beyond its current period and, if so, the details of States covered so far; and
- (e) whether any proposal from Andhra Pradesh is under consideration by the Government and if so, the present status thereof?

A N S W E R

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

(a): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution, and the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of STARS is implemented in partnership with all the 6 participating States. Funds are approved for the States based on the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) submitted by the states, which are appraised and approved by Project Approval Board (PAB) as per financial and programmatic norms. The funds are released to the States based on the fulfilment of conditions prescribed by Ministry of Finance such as pace of expenditure, receipt of commensurate State share, audited accounts, up-to date expenditure statement, and submission of utilisation certificate. The expenditure of fund lies within the purview of respective State Government. Details of State-wise funds allocated, released and utilised (including central and state share) under the STARS Project during last five years is at **Annexure-I**.

(b): This is to state that under the National Component of STARS Project, National Assessment Centre-PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development) was set up in NCERT as an independent constituent unit to enhance the quality, comparability and utility of student assessments across India by supporting both national and state level institutions and under the State Component of STARS Project, all the six STARS states have established State Assessment Cells. Further, the state-wise details of achievements made against various initiatives under STARS Project is as under:

State	Initiative	Achievement
Himachal Pradesh	Strengthening Early Years Education	3972 teachers trained in ECE
		8266 teachers trained in FLN
	Improving Learning Assessment Systems	State Assessment cell developed
		33167 teachers trained in CCE
	Improving Teacher Performance and Classroom Practice	20287 elementary teachers trained
		12948 secondary teachers trained
		2562 schools covered under learning enhancement program
	Governance and Decentralized Management for Improved Service Delivery	523 BRC/CRCs trained across state 2494 Head Teachers / Principal trained across state
Kerala	Strengthening Early Years Education	1478 teachers trained in ECE
		7671 teachers trained in FLN
	Improving Learning Assessment Systems	State Assessment cell developed
		141845 teachers trained in CCE
	Governance and Decentralized Management for Improved Service Delivery	3709 Head Teachers / Principal trained across state
		1428 BRC/CRCs trained across state
Madhya Pradesh	Strengthening Early Years Education	59931 teachers trained in FLN
	Improving Learning Assessment Systems	State Assessment cell developed
	Governance and Decentralized Management for Improved Service Delivery	4716 BRC/CRCs trained across state
Maharashtra	Strengthening Early Years Education	60068 teachers trained in FLN
	Improving Learning Assessment Systems	State Assessment cell developed
		176662 teachers trained in CCE
	Improving Teacher Performance and Classroom Practice	20593 schools covered under learning enhancement program.
	Strengthening School to Work Transition	57904 secondary school students covered under Career guidance
Odisha	Strengthening Early Years Education	31388 teachers trained in ECE
		27037 teachers trained in FLN
	Improving Learning Assessment Systems	State Assessment cell developed
		144045 teachers trained in CCE
	Improving Teacher Performance and Classroom Practice	146132 elementary teachers trained
		27438 secondary teachers trained
		18900 schools covered under learning enhancement program
	Governance and Decentralized Management for Improved Service Delivery	4016 BRC/CRCs trained across state 2913 Head Teachers / Principal trained across state
Rajasthan	Strengthening Early Years Education	613643 secondary students covered under Career guidance
	Strengthening Early Years Education	24295 teachers trained in ECE
		53134 teachers trained in FLN
	Improving Learning Assessment Systems	State Assessment cell developed
		103329 teachers trained in CCE
	Improving Teacher Performance and Classroom Practice	26680 schools covered under learning enhancement program
Rajasthan	Governance and Decentralized Management for Improved Service Delivery	8106 BRC/CRCs trained across state
	Strengthening School-to-Work Transition	1054797 secondary students covered under Career guidance

(c): Based on the information received from the States, the state-wise details of Teacher Education Institutions strengthened, and trainers trained is as under:

State	State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT)	District Institute of Education and Training (DIET)	Block Resource Centre (BRC)	Cluster Resource Centre (CRC)	No. of trainers trained
Himachal Pradesh	1	12	143	2104	3878
Kerala	1	14	168	1385	168693
Madhya Pradesh	-	47	322	3286	74649
Maharashtra	1	33	410	6170	226487
Odisha	1	30	314	4558	5195
Rajasthan	-	34	-	-	1404

NITI Aayog has undertaken an independent third-party evaluation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes under DoSE&L, including the STARS Project. The evaluation findings indicate that the Project has contributed to strengthening outcome-oriented planning, learning assessment systems and evidence-based decision-making processes in the school education sector.

(d) & (e): This is to state that the STARS Project was approved initially for a period of five years (FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25), till 31st March 2025. The scheme has been further extended by two years (till 31st March 2027) at no additional cost to support the states for completion of already approved non-recurring activities.

The STARS Project is being implemented in six States, namely Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala and there is no such proposal of inclusion of any other state in the scheme.

ANNEXURE - I

ANNEXURE - I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 82 ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI G LAKSHMINARAYANA, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING FUNDS ALLOCATION AND UTILISATION UNDER STARS PROJECT

(Rs in crore)

State	2021 – 2022			2022 – 2023			2023 – 2024			2024 – 2025			2025 – 2026		
	Allocation	Releases	Utilisation	Allocation	Releases	Utilisation	Allocation	Releases	Utilisation	Allocation	Releases	Utilisation	Allocation	Releases	Utilisation
Himachal Pradesh	72.43	43.49	8.64	366.87	194.58	27.36	249.03	59.62	238.43	302.67	195.33	214.47	9.36	75.07	81.92
Kerala	140.00	95.38	28.04	264.65	107.03	171.51	368.73	150.56	131.63	420.56	203.73	150.69	212.63	0	90.03
Madhya Pradesh	100.79	46.32	12.06	177.54	78.61	44.47	200.46	80.00	112.15	230.06	122.37	118.75	157.60	0	19.58
Maharashtra	129.80	41.18	13.37	155.15	37.43	69.76	335.45	260.44	253.58	543.86	193.69	218.04	279.96	61.05	76.26
Odisha	208.74	108.85	2.16	160.33	200.00	74.89	481.56	237.54	172.11	489.05	289.27	131.89	241.36	5.09	92.76
Rajasthan	174.26	107.15	0.00	283.82	66.44	175.81	586.83	317.01	219.57	463.34	235.48	205.20	286.85	0	65.91
Total	826.02	442.37	64.27	1408.36	684.09	563.80	2222.06	1105.17	1127.47	2449.54	1239.8	1039.04	1187.76	141.21	426.46