

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3405
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th MARCH, 2021**

Scheme to draw students to schools in Rajasthan

3405 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any scheme to attract students for education in schools in the rural areas of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has formulated any scheme to develop the talent potential of rural children, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (c): Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education has been launched throughout the country including Rajasthan as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19. It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.

The major interventions under Samagra Shiksha are as follows:

- (i) Universalizing access to quality school education by expansion of schooling facilities in the uncovered areas through up-gradation of schools up-to senior secondary level.
- (ii) Ensuring availability of adequate infrastructure to ensure that schools conform to the prescribed norms.
- (iii) Annual Grant of Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 20,000/- per school for strengthening of Libraries.

- (iv) Annual Composite school grant of Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 1,00,000 to be allocated on the basis of school enrolment, out of which at least 10% is required to be spent on activities related to Swachhata Action Plan.
- (v) Annual Grant for sports equipments at the cost of Rs. 5000 to Rs. 25,000.
- (vi) Allocation for children with Special Needs (CWSN) of Rs. 3,500 per child per annum including a stipend of Rs. 200 per month for CWSN girls to be provided from Classes I to XII.
- (vii) Allocation for uniforms at the rate of Rs. 600 per child per annum, at elementary level.
- (viii) Allocation for textbooks at the rate of Rs. 250/400 per child per annum, at elementary level.
- (ix) Upgradation of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) from Class 6-8 to Class 6-12.
- (x) Strengthening Teacher Education Institutions like SCERTs and DIETs to improve the quality of teachers.
- (xi) Enhanced use of digital technology in education through smart classrooms, digital boards and DTH channels.
- (xii) Support States & UTs for implementation of provisions of RTE Act, including reimbursement under Section 12(1)(c) of the Act.
- (xiii) Setting up of residential schools and hostels for difficult areas and for children in difficult circumstances.
- (xiv) Provision of Transport/Escort facility for the students where the schools are not available in their neighbourhood as per norms.

Besides this, approval has been given to States and UTs for setting up of Youth and Eco Club in Government Schools from 2019-20 under Samagra Shiksha. Youth clubs in schools are an instrument to develop life skills, build self-esteem, develop self-confidence and resilience. Eco clubs in schools aim to empower students to participate and take up meaningful environmental activities and projects.

Further, in order to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of India and to encourage experiential learning and identify & recognize talented children, Kala Utsav, Role Play Competition, Band Competition, Bhasha Sangam and Folk dance competition are also organised.
