

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1955
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2021**

ATAL TINKERING LABS

1955# Shri Kailash Soni:

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

- a) whether Atal Tinkering Labs(ATLs) were opened across the country;
- b) whether it has been observed at many places that the maintenance of these labs is not being done after its opening. State-wise details of number of Atal Tinkering Labs opened and functional;
- c) whether apart from having transparency in awarding tender in the institutions for opening Tinkering labs, there is a provision of five years maintenance by the tendee; and
- d) if so, the details of audit of its maintenance by Government; and
- e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a): Atal Innovation Mission (“AIM”) is Government of India’s endeavour launched to create an innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem in India by establishing new incubation centres, scaling up established incubation centres and setting up Atal Tinkering Labs in schools. Till date, 8,706 schools have received the ATL sanction and grant-in-aid. The State wise summary of the schools spread across the country under the ATL program is enclosed at Annexure.

(b): A 3rd party review conducted during 2019 showed that 27 schools displayed room for improvement. To facilitate smooth functioning and monitoring of ATL schools across the country, AIM is working closely with the ATLs through various channels e.g. email, phone, social media, ATL Dashboard and Query Resolution Portal.

(c) to (e): The selection and establishment of ATL is being done as per a document compliance and due-diligence process. Schools which successfully complete their compliance process as per AIM requirements are sanctioned ATL grant-in-aid, subject to budgetary provisions. The maintenance of these ATLs is the primary responsibility of the school authorities.

A total Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 20,00,000/- is sanctioned to schools. Out of which, Rs. 10,00,000/- is provisioned as establishment cost and Rs. 10,00,000/- is provisioned as operations and maintenance cost for 5 years, at the rate of Rs. 2,00,000/- per year.

To facilitate smooth functioning and monitoring of ATL schools across the country, AIM has created an online monitoring tool – ATL Dashboard. Through ATL Dashboard, schools are able to update their activities in real time and submit reports on a monthly basis. Various ATL related elements such as contact details, pictures, workshops, events, advisory body meetings, etc. are recorded digitally through the ATL Dashboard. The ATL schools are reviewed on a periodic basis through ATL Dashboard. Schools are mandated to submit Audited Statement of Accounts and Utilization Certificate every year, as a part of application for subsequent tranches. These documents along with the other relevant compliance documents are checked and verified before the sanction of subsequent tranche for the school.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1955 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2021 ASKED BY SHRI KAILASH SONI, HON'BLE MP REGARDING ATAL TINKERING LABS

State/UT wise summary of funded Atal Tinkering Labs in Schools as on July 2021.

State / UT	Grand Total
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLAND	10
ANDHRA PRADESH	641
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	31
ASSAM	319
BIHAR	91
CHANDIGARH	22
CHHATTISGARH	340
DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI	4
DELHI	193
GOA	18
GUJARAT	550
HARYANA	352
HIMACHAL PRADESH	102
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	80
JHARKHAND	101
KARNATAKA	670
KERALA	352
LADAKH	2
MADHYA PRADESH	526
MAHARASHTRA	873
MANIPUR	99
MEGHALAYA	12
MIZORAM	24
NAGALAND	24
ODISHA	300
PUDUCHERRY	18
PUNJAB	208
RAJASTHAN	446
SIKKIM	27
TAMIL NADU	885
TELANGANA	297
TRIPURA	20
UTTAR PRADESH	789
UTTARAKHAND	75
WEST BENGAL	205
Grand Total	8706