

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 809
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09th FEBRUARY, 2022**

Promotion of education in rural areas

809 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes/projects being run to promote education in the country especially in the rural areas of Rajasthan;
- (b) the State-wise details of the action plan formulated in the year 2021-22 to develop infrastructure like smart board and online education through applications for basic education in rural areas and to improve the quality of education being imparted by teachers in the rural schools;
- (c) the amount of budget allocated for the said purpose by Government; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to provide online education to the students of all Government schools?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a): Samagra Shiksha, an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII, is running in the country including the rural areas in the State of Rajasthan since 2018-19. The vision of the scheme is to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) for Education and vision of National Education Policy 2020. Under Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to all States and UTs for implementation of various interventions like opening / strengthening of schools, provision of free textbooks and uniforms, setting up and running of residential schools and hostels including Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya, provisions for inclusive education of Children with Special Needs (CWSN), transport & escort facility, in-service training of teachers, sports and physical education, vocational education and other activities.

(b) and (c): Under Samagra Shiksha financial assistance is provided to States/ UTs including rural areas inter-alia for various ICT and Digital initiatives for setting up of ICT labs, smart classrooms including support for digital boards etc. An amount of Rs. 956.8 crore for smart class rooms in 42276 schools and an amount of Rs.1003.8 crore for ICT labs in 10778 schools have been approved under ICT and Digital Initiatives in 2021-22. The state/UT wise details of the approval of ICT labs and smart classrooms is given at Annexure-I.

(d): To facilitate the online learning by all students a comprehensive initiative called PM eVIDYA has been initiated as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan on 17th May, 2020, which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multimode access to education. The initiative includes:

- DIKSHA the nation's digital infrastructure for providing quality e-content for school education in States/UTs and QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades (one nation, one digital platform).
- One earmarked Swayam Prabha TV channel per class from 1 to 12 (one class, one channel).
- Extensive use of Radio, Community radio and CBSE Podcast- Shiksha Vani.
- Special e-content for visually and hearing impaired developed on Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and in sign language on NIOS website/ YouTube.

PRAGYATA Guidelines on Digital Education had been issued to all States/UTs to facilitate continued education through various modes. The guidelines inter-alia includes situations where internet connectivity is not available or available with very less bandwidth where resources are shared through various platforms like television, radio etc that do not depend on internet. The guidelines can be accessed at:

https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/pragyata-guidelines_0.pdf

Under the BharatNet programme, the CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd (CSC-SPV) of MeitY has been assigned the task of providing Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connectivity to the Government Institutions, including schools.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) AND (C) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 809 FOR REPLY ON 09.02.2022 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA REGARDING PROMOTION OF EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS

Rs in Crores

Approval of ICT Lab and Smart Classrooms

Sl. No.	State/UT	Physical				Financial			
		ICT Lab		Smart Classrooms		ICT Lab		Smart Classrooms	
		2020-21	2021-22	2020-21	2021-22	2020-21	2021-22	2020-21	2021-22
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	9	2	162	0	2.7	3.0	4.1	0.0
2	Andhra Pradesh	445	917	0	1096	33.1	59.3	0.0	26.9
3	Arunachal Pradesh	29	43	0	0	4.4	5.6	0.0	0.0
4	Assam	628	1859	0	3643	71.0	155.0	0.0	87.4
5	Bihar	0	0	0	2739	11.9	0.0	0.0	65.7
6	Chandigarh	0	2	0	89	0.7	0.3	0.0	2.1
7	Chhattisgarh	0	67	2624	2714	1.0	13.8	63.0	70.9
8	Delhi	0	0	78	895	10.0	0.0	0.9	21.5
9	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	10	28	0	84	0.9	2.2	0.0	2.0
10	Goa	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
11	Gujarat	0	0	1815	4335	0.0	0.0	43.5	104.0
12	Haryana	0	232	1425	1154	0.0	18.3	36.5	29.0
13	Himachal Pradesh	218	480	0	1632	55.6	35.7	0.0	39.2
14	Jammu and Kashmir	408	220	0	518	26.1	51.8	0.0	12.4
15	Jharkhand	726	896	0	519	73.1	79.1	0.0	12.5
16	Karnataka	0	764	0	0	76.2	63.7	0.0	0.0
17	Kerala	0	0	0	115	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
18	Ladakh	49	6	0	38	4.4	2.1	0.0	0.5
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2
20	Madhya Pradesh	0	441	0	700	0.0	28.2	0.0	16.8
21	Maharashtra	0	0	0	887	35.0	0.0	0.0	21.3
22	Manipur	117	28	0	311	15.6	10.0	0.0	7.4
23	Meghalaya	132	25	0	0	12.4	5.7	0.0	0.0
24	Mizoram	63	0	0	201	3.3	0.8	0.0	4.8
25	Nagaland	0	0	473	74	0.0	0.0	11.4	2.3
26	Odisha	0	302	384	4471	120.2	43.4	9.2	107.3
27	Puducherry	10	6	0	100	3.4	1.1	0.0	2.4
28	Punjab	72	435	0	2872	12.5	37.5	0.0	68.9
29	Rajasthan	525	398	3290	5509	42.5	38.1	39.9	66.4
30	Sikkim	4	82	0	238	3.6	8.9	0.0	5.7
31	Tamil Nadu	441	1893	0	865	54.3	149.9	0.0	20.8
32	Telangana	20	0	0	3010	13.5	39.1	0.0	72.2
33	Tripura	59	239	0	249	4.5	22.8	0.0	6.0
34	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	5043	543	0.0	0.0	50.4	13.0
35	Uttarakhand	0	240	929	709	12.0	34.6	27.4	17.0
36	West Bengal	125	1173	0	1966	8.0	93.3	0.0	47.2
	Total	4090	10778	16223	42276	712.6	1003.8	286.2	956.8

Source: PRABANDH