

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3210
ANSWERED ON 29/03/2023

Access to computers and internet connection in Schools

3210 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted a survey to check the proportion of schools across the country that have access to computers and functional internet connection;
- (b) if so, the details of the survey and the number and proportion of such schools; and
- (c) whether such proportion of schools are less in number and if so, the steps being taken to increase the access of computers and internet connection amongst schools?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c) Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha is implemented in partnership with all the States and UTs and financial assistance is provided to all States and UTs for various components including ICT infrastructure in schools. Under Samagra Shiksha, ICT component envisages covering all Government and Aided schools from classes VI to XII and Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs), subject to the availability of budgetary provision.

For ICT component onetime non-recurring grant upto Rs 6.40 lakh per school and a recurring grant of upto Rs. 2.40 lakh per school per annum for a period of 5 years is provided. For the financial year 2022-23, Rs. 988.2 crore has been approved.

ICT component covers Government and Aided Schools having classes from VI to XII which will enable use of ICT resources from younger grades. ICT Labs are approved in 120614 schools. The State/UT wise details of ICT Labs approved at **Annexure-I**.

BSNL has informed that the Department of Telecom has given responsibility to BSNL to improve the rural connectivity using Bharat Net Assets and BSNL is taking steps for further extending its services across one lakh forty thousand plus Gram Panchayats in the country. On 11.07.2022, Department of School Education & Literacy has issued an advisory to all the States and UTs to enter into an MoU/ Agreement with BSNL and provide FTTH Internet connection to all the Government Schools which have computing devices. The State/UT-Wise details of Government schools which have internet connection are at **Annexure-II**.

ANNEXURE-I**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3210 ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023 ASKED BY SMT. VANDANA CHAVAN HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING ACCESS TO COMPUTERS AND INTERNET CONNECTION IN SCHOOLS**

The State/ UT wise details of ICT Labs approved as follows:

States/UTs Name	Approval (from 2005-06 to 2022-23)
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	137
Andhra Pradesh	8635
Arunachal Pradesh	426
Assam	6903
Bihar	5310
Chandigarh	106
Chhattisgarh	1989
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	55
DND - DNH	52
Delhi	1181
Goa	460
Gujarat	7199
Haryana	4022
Himachal Pradesh	3317
Jammu and Kashmir	3037
Jharkhand	3589
Karnataka	8323
Kerala	2409
Ladakh	124
Lakshadweep	28
Madhya Pradesh	2822
Maharashtra	9826
Manipur	734
Meghalaya	382
Mizoram	507
Nagaland	738
Odisha	8317
Puducherry	176
Punjab	4963
Rajasthan	8816
Sikkim	372
Tamil Nadu	9815
Telangana	4975
Tripura	1245
Uttar Pradesh	4798
Uttarakhand	865
West Bengal	3961
Total	120614

Source: PRABANDH

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The State/UT-wise details of Government schools which have internet connection are as follows:

State/UT	Total Government Schools	Government Schools having Internet connections
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	342	133
Andhra Pradesh	45137	20313
Arunachal Pradesh	2985	458
Assam	45490	4680
Bihar	75558	4421
Chandigarh	123	123
Chhattisgarh	48743	16469
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	388	194
Delhi	2762	2762
Goa	814	299
Gujarat	34699	32681
Haryana	14562	4345
Himachal Pradesh	15380	4175
Jammu & Kashmir	23173	5169
Jharkhand	35840	12052
Karnataka	49679	5308
Kerala	5010	4738
Ladakh	838	342
Lakshadweep	38	37
Madhya Pradesh	92695	16469
Maharashtra	65639	18540
Manipur	2889	340
Meghalaya	7783	1111
Mizoram	2563	153
Nagaland	1960	850
Odisha	49072	3970
Puducherry	422	422
Punjab	19259	9013
Rajasthan	68948	36889
Sikkim	864	231
Tamil Nadu	37636	9292
Telangana	30023	2772
Tripura	4262	682
Uttar Pradesh	137024	12074
Uttarakhand	16484	2575
West Bengal	83302	12918
India	1022386	247000

Source : UDISE+ 2021-22