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**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1952  
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**PM Shri Vidyalaya**

**1952 # Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki:**

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

- (a) whether there is any plan to establish PM Shri Vidyalaya in Nimar region of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) If so, the number of schools proposed to be opened by Government; and
- (c) the criteria prescribed for opening these schools?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) The Cabinet has approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme named Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. These schools are to showcase the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 and emerge as exemplar schools over a period of time, and also offer leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood. Under the PM SHRI scheme, in first phase of selection, a total of 6207 schools have been selected including 416 Schools in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

Selection of PM SHRI schools is done through Challenge Mode wherein Schools compete for support to become exemplar schools. A three-stage selection process with definite time lines has been devised, which is as follows: -

Stage-1: States/UTs would sign MoU with Centre laying down the commitments for supporting these schools for achieving specified quality assurance as PM SHRI schools.

Stage-2: In this stage, a pool of schools that are eligible to be selected as PM SHRI Schools would be identified based on prescribed minimum benchmark through UDISE+ data.

Stage-3: This stage is based on the challenge method for fulfilling certain criteria. Only the schools from the above eligible pool of schools would compete to fulfil the challenge conditions. Fulfilment of conditions would be certified by states/KVS/JNV through physical inspection.

States/UTs are required to recommend the list of schools to Ministry of Education and an Expert committee headed by Secretary (SE&L), at Ministry of Education, Government of India, has been constituted to make the final school selections through challenge method.

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