

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 352
ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023

ACCESS TO INTERNET IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

352 SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of Government schools that have access to a functional internet connection, State-wise and year-wise during last five years;
- (b) whether there exists any scheme to improve internet access in Government schools;
- (c) if so, progress made so far, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there exist any scheme to provide financial assistance for the provision of digital education; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY EDUCATION
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a): State/UT-wise percentage of Government schools having internet connectivity as per UDISE+ from 2017-18 to 2021-22 is given at **Annexure**.

(b) & (c): Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the administrative control of respective State Government and UT Administration. An advisory has been issued by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of India 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. States/ UTs have been advised that the Internet Charges can be met from the following:

- For ICT Labs / Smart Class rooms sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha, internet charges can be met from the recurring charges being released under Samagra Shiksha.

- For Schools in which ICT / Smart Class room are not sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha and which have computing devices, internet Charges can be met from the Management monitoring Evaluation and Research (MMER) funds being released under Samagra Shiksha or can be met from any other State/UT Government funds.

(d) & (e): ICT and Digital Initiatives component of centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha covers Government and Aided Schools having classes VI to XII. Under this component financial assistance is provided for establishing ICT Lab and Smart Classrooms in schools.

During last five years, funds of Rs. 2,443.02 crore have been released for the ICT Component. Under Samagra Shiksha for ICT Labs, a non-recurring grant of up to Rs. 6.40 lakh per school and recurring grant of upto Rs. 2.40 lakh per school per annum for a period of 5 years is provided. From 2023-24, the scheme also offers step-wise funding based on school enrolment. (Strength < 100 Rs. 2.5 Lakhs, Strength between 100 – 250 Rs. 4.5 Lakhs, Strength between 250 – 700 Rs. 6.4 Lakhs). For Smart Classrooms, non-recurring grant for Smart Class rooms (2 smart classrooms per school) is of Rs. 2.40 lakh and the recurring grant is Rs. 0.38 lakh (including E Content and Digital Resources, Charges for Electricity).

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 352 FOR REPLY ON 06TH DECEMBER, 2023 ASKED BY SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING ACCESS TO INTERNET IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Statement showing State/UT-wise percentage of Government schools with Internet connection/facilities

State/UT	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	19.5	19.2	19.9	26.6	38.9
ANDHRA PRADESH	4.7	8.2	9.1	8.8	45.0
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2.7	3.5	3.4	3.8	15.3
ASSAM	1.5	4.2	4.3	4.8	10.3
BIHAR	1.4	2.0	2.1	2.2	5.9
CHANDIGARH	93.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
CHHATTISGARH	1.0	1.7	3.4	8.5	33.8
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	8.7	13.3	14.7	27.0	50.0
DAMAN & DIU	36.5	68.8	70.6		
DELHI	39.8	84.6	88.2	89.8	100.0
GOA	10.8	10.2	8.5	8.5	36.7
GUJARAT	44.5	61.9	66.9	72.4	94.2
HARYANA	17.2	20.3	19.9	21.2	29.8
HIMACHAL PRADESH	9.9	13.3	14.0	14.2	27.1
JAMMU & KASHMIR	1.3	6.0	5.2	5.3	22.3
JHARKHAND	2.7	27.8	30.3	28.8	33.6
KARNATAKA	2.1	2.2	7.7	6.1	10.7
KERALA	38.0	88.5	87.6	87.2	94.6
LADAKH			1.9	56.7	40.8
LAKSHADWEEP	31.1	84.4	93.3	93.3	97.4
MADHYA PRADESH	2.2	3.3	3.8	4.1	17.8
MAHARASHTRA	3.6	10.5	10.9	11.8	28.2
MANIPUR	1.4	2.3	2.4	2.8	11.8
MEGHALAYA	0.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	14.3
MIZORAM	3.7	2.5	2.4	4.3	6.0
NAGALAND	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.5	43.4
ODISHA	3.5	7.5	2.7	2.8	8.1
PUDUCHERRY	36.6	46.8	42.7	94.8	100.0
PUNJAB	10.9	31.7	35.2	99.6	46.8
RAJASTHAN	9.3	16.6	24.1	28.0	53.5
SIKKIM	9.7	12.5	13.2	13.6	26.7
TAMIL NADU	13.9	10.1	18.0	18.0	24.7
TELANGANA	5.6	7.1	8.0	8.2	9.2
TRIPURA	1.4	1.6	1.6	2.8	16.0
UTTAR PRADESH	0.8	3.3	2.9	3.0	8.8
UTTARAKHAND	3.8	5.8	6.4	6.3	15.6
WEST BENGAL	6.4	7.0	9.7	10.3	15.5
TOTAL	5.5	9.8	11.6	13.6	24.2

Source: UDISE+