

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 369
ANSWERED ON 6th December, 2023**

One Class-one TV Channel' programme of PM eVIDYA

369. Shri R. Girirajan:

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

- (a) whether Government has a proposal to enable all states to provide supplementary education in regional languages for classes 1-12 through 'one class-one TV channel' programme of PM eVIDYA and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it has been expanded to 200 TV channels and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has proposed to establish 750 virtual labs and 75 skilling e-labs by 2022-23 and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes. As per the Union Budget announcement for Financial Year 2022-23, the 12 DTH Channels have been expanded to 200 PM e-Vidya DTH TV Channels to enable all States to provide supplementary education in various Indian languages for classes 1-12. Individual MoU have been signed between NCERT and States/UT for efficient coordination and management of these DTH channels. The test-run of these 200 TV Channels with the support of States/UTs /Autonomous Bodies have begun w.e.f. July 29, 2023, with the primary focus to ensure creation of curriculum-based quality content for DTH channels in accordance with the NEP 2020.

(c) Yes. As per the Union Budget announcement for Financial Year 2022-23, to promote crucial critical thinking skill and to give space for creativity, it has been proposed to establish 750 virtual labs and 75 Skilling e-labs by 2023. The Virtual Labs are proposed for Science and Mathematics subjects for Classes 6th – 12th, and Skilling e-labs would provide for simulated learning environment. A vertical on Virtual Labs has been created on DIKSHA platform. Training on Virtual labs has been conducted through PM eVidya DTH TV channels for teachers and teacher educators across the country. NCERT has initiated the development of Skilling eLabs through Pandit Sunderlal Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE), a constituent body under NCERT and an apex research and development organization in the field of vocational education.
