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Infrastructure Challenges under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in Maharashtra

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether rural schools in Maharashtra under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan face significant infrastructure challenges;
- (b) if so, the details of such deficiencies reported during the last three years;
- (c) whether the lack of digital infrastructure, electricity, and internet connectivity has hampered the implementation of the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in rural areas;
- (d) if so, the details of schools in rural areas having no access to ICT-based education, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to bridge the digital divide in rural schools, if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the timeline fixed by the Government for ensuring digital inclusion in rural schools under the Abhiyan;
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the timely development of school infrastructure in villages; and
- (h) whether any specific funds or incentives have been allocated for addressing infrastructure problems in rural and backward areas, if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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- (a) to (h): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution, and, majority of the schools and implementation of infrastructural activities in schools comes under the domain of respective State and UT Governments.

The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education is implementing Samagra Shiksha since 2018-19 to support States and UTs in strengthening of existing Government schools for creation and augmentation of infrastructure facilities in School based on the gaps determined from UDISE+ , PRABANDH Portal and the proposals received from respective State/ Union Territory.

The need for infrastructure augmentation in schools including rural and backward areas are worked out in a decentralized manner every year by the respective State/Union Territory on incremental basis depending on their need and priority and reflected in their Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B). These plans are then appraised and approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in the Department of School Education & Literacy in consultation with the States and Union Territories. The physical and financial progress is monitored through PRABANDH Portal of DoSE&L. Monthly, quarterly and Mid-term review meetings are also held to look into the progress and challenges in infrastructure development for the Schools in the States.

Details of infrastructure achievements for last three years in rural areas of Maharashtra under Samagra Shiksha are at **Annexure-I**.

To achieve the objectives of NEP 2020 and to bridge the digital divide in education, under the Samagra Shiksha scheme funds for setting up ICT Labs and Smart Classrooms are released to State/UTs based on the requirement communicated by them in the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B).

A comprehensive initiative called PM eVidya is also adopted by the department which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education, with a target to benefit nearly 25 crore school going children across the country. The key components of this initiative are

- Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) - One Nation, One Digital Platform for providing quality e-content for school education in States/Union Territories (UTs)
- 200 PM e-VIDYA DTH TV Channels to provide supplementary education in various Indian languages for classes 1-12,
- National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) - an Integrated Teacher Training Programme run online through DIKSHA portal,
- ePathshala initiative to disseminate Digital Books and eContents,

- eJaadui Pitara, a digital app to supplement and complement the physical Jaadui Pitara,
- Virtual Labs created on DIKSHA platform where 280 Virtual Labs for Science and Mathematics for subjects Class 6th to 12th have been made available

Further, The State Governments have been advised to act based on the situation prevailing at every place to meet the demands of students and teachers for providing them with the digital access required for teaching learning digitally. Details of State/UT-wise total numbers of rural schools having access to internet, electricity, ICT labs and Smart Classroom under Samagra Shiksha are at **Annexure-II**.

ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (h) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 45 FOR ANSWER ON 03.02.2025 ASKED BY SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE: SMT. SUPRIYA SULE: DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE: SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE: SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH: SHRI AMAR SHARADRAO KALE: SHRI BAJRANG MANOHAR SONWANE: SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL: PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES UNDER SAMAGRA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN IN MAHARASHTRA.

Details of Basic Infrastructure Facilities in Government Schools of State of Maharashtra under Samagra Shiksha

Year	Rural Area								
	Number								
Total Schools	Drinking Water	Boys toilet	Girls toilet	Ramp	Electricity	Playground	Boundary wall	Library/Book bank/Reading Corner	
2021-22	59343	58830	55332	56660	57452	44606	52839	46764	58983
2022-23	58874	58457	54661	56077	57105	54098	53477	46356	58598
2023-24	58680	58187	54103	55739	56815	53532	53588	46217	58452

Source: UDISE+ 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24

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State/UTs Name	Government Schools with digital Infrastructure Facilities in Grade VI and above Schools - 2023-24				
	Rural Area				
	Number				
	Total Schools	Internet	Electricity	ICT Lab	Smart Classroom
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	132	115	132	110	112
ANDHRA PRADESH	9868	9344	9867	1745	6732
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1180	372	754	122	407
ASSAM	10084	5739	9609	4012	4086
BIHAR	35384	5514	29082	2299	6753
CHANDIGARH	0	0	0	0	0
CHHATTISGARH	16524	10096	15454	1588	4525
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU	187	185	187	112	171
DELHI	0	0	0	0	0
GOA	100	93	100	38	58
GUJARAT	19604	18656	19590	9192	15343
HARYANA	5014	3425	5002	2452	3356
HIMACHAL PRADESH	4644	2976	4611	2549	2365
JAMMU & KASHMIR	8927	3478	8275	2023	1950
JHARKHAND	13574	7200	12996	2571	2819
KARNATAKA	23631	8890	23316	2778	6190
KERALA	1837	1698	1832	1188	1477
LADAKH	482	204	377	124	225
LAKSHADWEEP	22	22	22	10	15
MADHYA PRADESH	30824	10303	27521	1419	7281
MAHARASHTRA	18400	9742	16698	1176	14787
MANIPUR	815	257	566	267	95
MEGHALAYA	2204	619	738	116	71
MIZORAM	967	232	760	130	99
NAGALAND	777	367	618	126	483
ODISHA	20229	17095	19822	6172	8699
PUDUCHERRY	99	99	99	97	83
PUNJAB	5718	5609	5712	4187	5505
RAJASTHAN	34531	24525	33708	11387	11020
SIKKIM	369	205	361	224	315
TAMILNADU	10866	10850	10850	4449	139
TELANGANA	8287	2507	8160	3740	3226
TRIPURA	1953	806	1721	596	541
UTTAR PRADESH	46993	12205	41742	888	7999
UTTARAKHAND	4480	2811	4164	770	1849
WEST BENGAL	13028	7391	12760	6718	1724
INDIA	351734	183630	327206	75375	120500