

Regarding Need to review the procedure of selection of PM SHRI Schools and allocate more number of schools to NTR district, Andhra Pradesh- Laid

SHRI KESINENI SIVANATH (VIJAYAWADA): I wish to highlight a concerning issue regarding the underrepresentation of NTR district in the PM SHRI school allocations. Under both phases of the PM SHRI scheme, a total of 827 schools in the district were benchmarked, and 550 schools passed the challenge criteria and physical verification, reflecting the district's strong institutional preparedness and commitment. Despite this, only 27 schools were approved, which is just 4.9% of eligible and verified schools, making it one of the lowest selection rates in the state. The State Government had recommended 62 schools, meaning over 56% of recommended schools in NTR district were not considered for final approval. This low selection rate is concerning, especially when the district's schools have clearly demonstrated their capability and readiness to fulfill the goals of the National Education Policy 2020. The demand for quality public education in the district is high, and necessary infrastructure is already in place and functioning. In light of this, I urge the Government to review the selection outcome and consider sanctioning additional PM SHRI schools for the NTR district.