

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**LOK SABHA
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Scheme to Develop Green Schools

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved any scheme to develop green schools equipped with solar panels, LED lights, waste management and water conservation facilities along with providing high-quality education, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of schools in the State of Kerala where the Scheme will be implemented; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and the target set by the Government for the State of Kerala under the Scheme?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)**

(a) Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, in which PM SHRI Schools are set up by strengthening the existing schools from amongst schools managed by Central government/State/UT Government/local bodies. These schools are to showcase all the initiatives of National Education Policy 2020 and emerge as exemplar schools over a period of time, and also offer leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood. They provide leadership in their respective regions in providing high-quality education in an equitable, inclusive and joyful school environment that takes care of the diverse background, multilingual needs, and different academic abilities of children and makes them active participants in their own learning process as per the vision of NEP 2020.

Under the scheme, there is a provision of setting up of more than 14500 PM SHRI Schools by strengthening the existing schools from amongst schools managed by Central government/State/UT Government/local bodies out of which 12,084 PM SHRI Schools have been selected so far.

These schools are to be developed as Green Schools incorporating environment friendly aspects like Energy efficient using solar panels and LED lightings, nutrition gardens with natural farming, waste management, plastic free, water conservation and harvesting, study of traditions/practises related to protection of environment, climate change related hackathons and awareness generation to incorporate organic lifestyle.

(b) & (c): The state of Kerala is yet to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to implement the PM SHRI Scheme.