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CENTRALLY SPONSORED EDUCATION SCHEMES IN UTTAR PRADESH

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS)/programmes being implemented by the Government in the field of education especially in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries who have been benefited by these schemes during the last five years, year and district-wise in Uttar Pradesh including Mau and Ballia districts and Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether Government has adopted an integrated approach for the implementation of these schemes to ensure efficiency and effective outcomes and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the major challenges being faced by the Government in the implementation of these schemes, including issues related to fund disbursement delays, lack of infrastructure, shortage of trained teachers and accessibility in remote areas;
- (e) whether any evaluation or impact assessment studies have been conducted by the Government to measure the effectiveness of these schemes and if so, the findings thereof;
- (f) the corrective steps being taken by the Government to improve coordination, address implementation bottlenecks and enhance educational outcomes under these schemes; and
- (g) the funds allocated and utilized for such schemes/programmes during the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a): Schemes of Samagra Shiksha, PM SHRI, PM Poshan, STARS and ULLAS are being implemented by the Department of School Education & Literacy in the country. However, in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh, Samagra Shiksha, PM SHRI, PM POSHAN and ULLAS are being implemented and in the State of Tamil Nadu, Samagra Shiksha, PM POSHAN and ULLAS are being implemented. The annual

plans are prepared by the States and UTs based on their requirements and priorities as education is part of concurrent list. These plans are then appraised and approved by Ministry of Education as per the programmatic and financial norms of the respective schemes, and physical and financial progress of the State for the interventions approved earlier.

Samagra Shiksha

The Department of School Education and Literacy is implementing an integrated centrally sponsored scheme for School education- Samagra Shiksha which treats school education holistically, without segmentation from pre-primary to class XII and is in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal for Education (SDG-4). The Scheme is aligned with the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and aims to ensure that all children have access to quality education with an equitable and inclusive classroom environment which should take care of their diverse background, multilingual needs, different academic abilities and make them active participants in the learning process.

Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS)

The Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Program is being implemented as a centrally sponsored scheme in six states namely Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Kerala over a period of 5 years, i.e., from F.Y. 2020-21 to F.Y. 2024-25. The project envisages improving student outcomes in the selected States and the governance of school education the selected States. The targeted beneficiaries of the project are the children from the age of 3 to 18 years (pre-school to class XII) Education institutions and Teachers.

PM SHRI Schools

PM SHRI schools are set up by strengthening the existing schools from amongst schools managed by Central Government/State Government /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 PM SHRI scheme, a total of 1713 PM SHRI schools have been selected from the state of Uttar Pradesh out of which 437 schools are Primary, 1128 schools are Elementary, 1 school are secondary and 147 schools are senior secondary.

PM-POSHAN

The Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Under the Scheme, one hot cooked meal is served to students studying in Bal Vatika and Classes I-VIII in Government and Government aided Schools on all school working days. The PM POSHAN Scheme aims to improve the nutritional status of children, to encourage poor children belonging to disadvantaged sections to attend school more regularly and help them concentrate on classroom activities and also to provide nutritional support to children of elementary stage in drought affected areas during summer vacation and during disaster times.

ULLAS – New India Literacy Programme (NILP)

ULLAS, which stands for Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society, a centrally sponsored scheme, aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and is being implemented from 2022-23 to 2026-27. It aims to provide educational opportunities to persons aged 15 and above who have missed formal schooling and are non-literates.

(b): The number of beneficiaries who have been benefited by Samagra Shiksha and PM POSHAN during the last five years, year and district-wise in Uttar Pradesh including Mau and Ballia districts and Tamil Nadu may be accessed at link <https://kys.udiseplus.gov.in/#/region>. The number of beneficiaries who have been benefited under PM SHRI scheme in the State of Uttar Pradesh including Mau and Ballia districts is attached as Annexure.

(c) to (f) : Following steps are being taken by the Government to ensure effective implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes:

- UDISE+: This is an improved and updated version of Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) for evidence based planning and decision making.
- Project Appraisal, Budgeting Achievements and Data Handling System (PRABANDH) which is a comprehensive online monitoring system, which tracks the status of releases, Approved Outlays, Coverage as per UDISE, School wise list of approvals, School wise gaps, Cancellation in approvals, etc.
- Strengthening of Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres for periodic inspection and supervision of schools to observe the infrastructure and facilities.
- National Achievement Surveys (NAS) are conducted at regular intervals to check the health of the educational system and to provide information about the learning achievement of students.

- **Audit Mechanism-** There are robust monitoring systems in place which includes an annual audit by an independent Chartered Accountant empaneled with the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, a regular CAG audit, a system of concurrent financial reviews and regular meetings with State officials. A Manual on Financial Management and Procurement also assists States in streamlining implementation and financial management.
- Detailed guidelines for Social Audit of Samagra Shiksha have been issued and provision has been made for covering 20% government and government aided schools every year for conducting social audit.
- **Community Level Monitoring** wherein the community, through its representative institutions like School Management Committees (SMCs), has been entrusted with the primary level of ensuring that the schools are functioning effectively.
- **Periodic meetings with Stakeholders:** The Ministry of Education convenes monthly meetings with Education Secretaries and State Project Directors to review the programme implementation.

Under these Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), States and UTs submit their proposals for all interventions contained in the scheme through their Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B). The component wise proposal submitted by the States/UTs are appraised and sanctioned by the Project Approval Board (PAB) in consultation with the States/UTs according to financial and programmatic norms and provision available.

The funds, under these schemes, are released based on the fulfillment of guidelines prescribed by Ministry of Finance, such as transfer of central share to SNA, pace of expenditure, receipt of commensurate State share in SNA, statement on outstanding advances, up-to date expenditure statement, furnishing of information as prescribed in the Manual on Financial Management & Procurement and audited utilization certificate of previous year.

In pursuance to Section 6 of the RTE Act, 2009, the Central RTE Rules provide that a primary school shall be established within a walking distance of one kilometre of the neighbourhood and an upper primary school shall be established within a walking distance of three kilometer of the neighbourhood. The States/UTs have notified area or limits of their neighbourhood norms, factoring in their State specific condition, for opening of secondary and sr. secondary schools. In the case of the States and Union Territories, which have not notified the neighbourhood norms for Secondary and Sr. Secondary Schools, financial support is provided under Samagra Shiksha to ensure the establishment of secondary school within 5 Km and senior secondary school within 7-10 Km of a habitation while ensuring their viability and cost effectiveness. For the habitations that remain uncovered (mostly small or sparsely populated in difficult areas) where opening of school is not feasible,

transport facility is provided up to an average cost @ ₹ 6000/ per child per annum up to Class X.

NISHTHA – (National Initiative for School Heads’ and Teachers’ Holistic Advancement) under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha is a capacity building programme for "Improving Quality of School Education through Integrated Teacher Training" for elementary, secondary level teachers and also for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) training of master trainers. NISHTHA purports that every teacher and head teacher is expected to participate in at least 50 hours of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) opportunities every year for their professional development, driven by their interests. For these 50 hours of CPD which is the responsibility of States and Union Territories, it is expected that they will develop a mandatory in-service training policy for their teachers and implement it.

(g): The funds allocated and utilized for such schemes/programmes during the last five years is as below:

Samagra Shiksha (₹ in crore)

Year	Proposed central Release	Central Release as per PFMS
2020-21	35772.81	27758.52
2021-22	34671.73	24873.18
2022-23	44493.94	32151.94
2023-24	44872.27	32382.79
2024-25	45976.21	22449.88

PM SHRI (₹ in crore)

Year	Total Approved fund	Central share approved	Central share released to State
2023-24	3399.60	2524.91	1217.81
2024-25	6935.59	5002.04	2724.02

PM POSHAN (₹ in crore)

Year	Central Release	Utilization
2019-20	9700.04	9514.83
2020-21	12875.10	12886.79
2021-22	10227.67	12616.41
2022-23	12675.01	10471.70
2023-24	8451.22	9549.82

STARS (₹ in crore)

Year	Fund Allocated	Central Release
2020-21	147.20	91.15
2021-22	826.02	278.47
2022-23	1408.36	468.42
2023-24	2209.93	680.98
2024-25	2438.08	637.25

ULLAS (₹ in crore)

Year	Fund Allocated	Central Release
2022-23	100.00	76.77
2023-24	120.00	39.35
2024-25	120.00	89.16

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3704 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2025 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI RAJEEV RAI, SHRI C N ANNADURAI, SHRI SELVAM G AND SHRI NAVASKANI K REGARDING "CENTRALLY SPONSORED EDUCATION SCHEMES IN UTTAR PRADESH"

The district-wise number of beneficiaries benefited under PM SHRI schemes during the 2023-24 in the State of Uttar Pradesh including Mau and Ballia districts, is as follow:

Sr. No.	District Name	Enrollment Data
1	AGRA	9173
2	ALIGARH	9709
3	AMBEDKAR NAGAR	6165
4	AMETHI - CSM NAGAR	8077
5	AURAIYA	3300
6	AZAMGARH	16233
7	BAGHPAT	3771
8	BAHRAICH	14533
9	BALLIA	8441
10	BALRAMPUR	5951
11	BANDA	9829
12	BARABANKI	13417
13	BAREILLY	11474
14	BASTI	6579
15	BHADOI	5998
16	BIJNOR	8211
17	BUDAUN	12060
18	BULANDSHAHR	12485
19	CHANDAULI	9573
20	CHITRAKOOT	5011
21	DEORIA	10534
22	ETAH	4292
23	ETAWAH	5658
24	FAIZABAD	4964
25	FARRUKHABAD	4294
26	FATEHPUR	8808
27	FIROZABAD	6193
28	GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR	3217
29	GHAZIABAD	5427
30	GHAZIPUR	9530
31	GONDA	16346
32	GORAKHPUR	18149
33	HAMIRPUR (U.P.)	7829
34	HAPUR (PANCHSHEEL NAGAR)	3040
35	HARDOI	12027

36	HATHRAS	4193
37	JALAUN	4482
38	JAUNPUR	12568
39	JHANSI	8544
40	JYOTIBA PHULE NAGAR (AMROHA)	4795
41	KANNAUJ	4512
42	KANPUR DEHAT	4977
43	KANPUR NAGAR	5744
44	KANSHIRAM NAGAR	5046
45	KAUSHAMBI	4369
46	KHERI	14803
47	KUSHINAGAR	8173
48	LALITPUR	14272
49	LUCKNOW	7528
50	MAHARAJGANJ	7914
51	MAHOBA	9047
52	MAINPURI	5340
53	MATHURA	5458
54	MAU	4694
55	MEERUT	8641
56	MIRZAPUR	8719
57	MORADABAD	7156
58	MUZAFFARNAGAR	9840
59	PILIBHIT	10315
60	PRATAPGARH	8681
61	PRAYAGRAJ	21708
62	RAE BARELI	12575
63	RAMPUR	8393
64	SAHARANPUR	7676
65	SAMBHAL (BHIM NAGAR)	4618
66	SANT KABIR NAGAR	6580
67	SHAHJAHANPUR	11987
68	SHAMLI (PRABUDH NAGAR)	5107
69	SHRAWASTI	4379
70	SIDDHARTH NAGAR	11134
71	SITAPUR	17035
72	SONBHADRA	12303
73	SULTANPUR	12429
74	UNNAO	8500
75	VARANASI	12861
	Grand Total	647394

Source: UDISE+
