

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1507
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026

Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Education

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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 in Maharashtra especially in the rural areas of the State;

(b) the number of beneficiaries who have benefited from such schemes during the last five years in Maharashtra, year-wise and district-wise especially Beed and Washim Yavatmal Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituencies;

(c) whether the Government has adopted integrated approach for the implementation of the schemes to ensure efficiency and effective results of the said schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the major challenges being faced by the Government in implementing the above schemes which include delay in fund disbursement, lack of infrastructure, shortage of trained teachers and issues related to access 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

(f) if so, the findings thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (f): Education being in the Concurrent List, enhancing the quality of education is the responsibility of both the Central and State Governments. However, recognizing the need for central assistance, the Central Government has implemented various centrally sponsored schemes including Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) for supporting State Governments.

The Department of Higher Education is implementing RUSA, aimed at funding specific State government universities and colleges, so as to improve their quality by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards. The Government has launched the third phase of RUSA in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) for the period

2023-24 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore, including the committed liabilities of the earlier phases of RUSA, to cater to the needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas.

Under PM-USHA, a total of 61 units for a total amount of Rs. 814.24 crore have been approved in the State of Maharashtra, including 4 units amounting to Rs. 25 crore in the districts of Beed, Washim and Yavatmal districts. The district wise details of units approved in Maharashtra under PM-USHA are at **Annexure**. Under the scheme, support is provided to States/UTs for strengthening infrastructure, including construction of hostels, academic and administrative buildings, laboratories, and other facilities required for improving access to and quality of higher education.

Under PM-USHA, the State of Maharashtra has onboarded the SNA-SPARSH model of PFMS in the financial year 2024-25. Under the SNA-SPARSH model, funds are released 'just in time', and vendors and beneficiaries receive direct payments through daily sanction releases based on the submission of bills on the PFMS portal.

Under the scheme, for continuation of PM-USHA in its next phase, a third-party evaluation was conducted by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in August 2025, which recommended continuation of the scheme.

ANNXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) to (F) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1507 DATED 09.02.2026 ASKED BY SHRI BAJRANG MANOHAR SONWANE AND SHRI SANJAY UTTAMRAO DESHMUKH, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES IN EDUCATION

Details of support to Districts in Maharashtra under PM-USHA

S. No.	Districts	No. of units approved	Total Amount Approved (Rs. Crore)
1	Ahmednagar	1	5.00
2	Akola	2	10.00
3	Amravati	3	30.00
4	Aurangabad	3	14.99
5	Beed	1	4.99
6	Bhandara	1	5.00
7	Buldhana	1	4.98
8	Chandrapur	1	5.00
9	Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (Aurangabad)	1	100.00
10	Dhule	1	5.00
11	Gadchiroli	3	114.98
12	Gondia	1	5.00
13	Hingoli	1	5.00
14	Jalgaon	2	25.00
15	Jalna	2	10.00
16	Kolhapur	3	29.36
17	Latur	2	9.77
18	Mumbai	4	145.00
19	Mumbai Suburban	1	5.00
20	Nagpur	2	25.00
21	Nanded	4	35.00
22	Nandurbar	2	12.78
23	Nashik	1	5.00
24	Osmanabad	2	14.34
25	Palghar	1	5.00
26	Parbhani	1	5.00
27	Pune	1	5.00
28	Raigad	1	5.00
29	Ratnagiri	1	5.00
30	Sangli	1	5.00
31	Satara	1	5.00
32	Sindhudurg	1	5.00
33	Solapur	3	110.00
34	Thane	1	5.00
35	Wardha	1	5.00
36	Washim	2	15.00
37	Yavatmal	1	5.00
	Total	61	806.18
	MMER		8.06
	Grand Total		814.24

