

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2871
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023

TO IMPLEMENT (PM-USHA)

2871 SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to implement Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) shortly in various States particularly in Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to modify the shortlisting criteria to fill the faculty positions in regular mode to strengthen Colleges (Accredited & Unaccredited Colleges) component of PM- USHA;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is also considering to provide grants to strengthen Universities (Accredited & Unaccredited Universities) component; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): The government has approved the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26. The detailed guidelines of the scheme have been shared with all States/UTs, including Odisha. The same is available at https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/upload_document/pm-usha_guidelines.pdf.

(c) & (d): Under PM-USHA, various criteria have been included for shortlisting the proposals submitted under all components including 'Grants to Strengthen Colleges (Accredited & Unaccredited Colleges)'. These criteria give different weightages depending upon the performance status of the institute, including percentage of faculty filled in regular mode in the institutions.

(e) & (f): One of the components of PM-USHA is 'Grants to Strengthen Universities (Accredited & Unaccredited Universities)' wherein support of Rs. 20 crore per University will be provided to the approved Universities.
