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INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN SCHOOLS IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to provide internet connectivity to all schools in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of schools in the State of Tamil Nadu with internet connections and computer labs equipped with adequate seating capacity;
- (c) whether there is any scheme to improve access of internet in Schools of Tamil Nadu;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated during each of the last five years to Tamil Nadu State for this purpose?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the administrative control of respective State Governments and UT Administrations. An advisory has been issued by the Dept. of School Education and Literacy, Government of India to all the States and UTs including Tamil Nadu to enter into an MoU / Agreement with BSNL and provide FTTH Internet connection to all the Government Schools which have computing devices. States / UTs have been advised that the Internet Charges can be met from the following:

- For ICT Labs / Smart Class rooms sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha, internet charges can be met from the recurring charges being released under Samagra Shiksha

- For Schools in which ICT / Smart Class room are not sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha and which have computing devices, internet Charges can be met from the Management Monitoring, Media, Evaluation and Research (MMMER) funds being released under Samagra Shiksha or can be met from any other State/UT Govt. funds.

Furthermore, out of the 58,801 schools in the state of Tamil Nadu, 22,086 schools have internet access, and 46,092 schools are equipped with computer facilities. (Source: UDISE 2021-22)

(c) & (d): Under ICT component of Samagra Shiksha, the Government aims to provide computer-aided learning and internet connectivity to enhance the quality of education across the country including Tamil Nadu. There is a provision to integrate ICT into the teaching-learning process through the following facilities:

- Provision of Hardware and Software: Schools are equipped with computers, projectors, interactive whiteboards, and other digital tools.
- Internet Connectivity: Broadband connections are provided to enable internet access.
- Digital Classrooms: Setting up smart classrooms to facilitate interactive learning.
- Capacity Building: Training for teachers and students to effectively use ICT tools and digital content.

(e): The details of funds allocated under the ICT component of Samagra Shiksha during the last five years to State of Tamil Nadu are as follows:

Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
ICT (Rs. In lakh)	2822.4	12071.6	14150.4	10114.6	6547.5
