# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 176 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021

### Lack of Electricity in Schools

#### 176. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) According to UDISC Report (2019-20) only 80% of schools in the country have electricity;
- (b) if so, please furnish the details of schools where there is no electricity and the action plan of the Government by when all the schools are likely to have electricity?

#### **ANSWER**

### MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) and (b): As per Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20 there are 1507708 schools in the country out of which 1257897 schools have electricity. Improving the infrastructure in the schools including providing electricity to the schools is a continuous process. The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched an Integrated Scheme for School Education – Samagra Shiksha which subsumes three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE) from 1st April, 2018. Samagra Shiksha focuses inter alia on improvement in school infrastructure including electricity in all States and Union Territories. Further, education being a concurrent subject, States and Union Territories are also expected to undertake this activity.

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