

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3693
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2019

Atal Tinkering Laboratories

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is planning to construct 10,000 Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATLs) by 2020;
- (b) the details of schools where ATLs have been constructed and are under construction; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering establishment of ATLs in all the Government schools in India and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING
AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India is encouraging the schools to provide exposure of science and technology to students so that they can be exposed with futuristic technology platforms. The Government has setup the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) at NITI Aayog. The objective of establishing AIM is to create scientific temper and cultivate the spirit of curiosity and innovation among young minds. Towards this end, AIM is establishing Atal Tinkering Labs across the country for students between grade 6th to 12th, equipped with latest emerging technologies such as electronics, IoT (Internet of Things), 3D printing, Robotics, etc.

As of today, a total of 8878 schools have been selected and 4680 schools have been given the ATL grant-in-aid for establishment of ATL.

AIM is planning to operationalize 10,000 ATLs by the end of March 2021.

- (b) The state-wise number of selected schools and corresponding schools which have received the ATL grant is placed at **Annexure A**.
- (c) 70% of the schools selected for ATLs to date are Govt. / Govt-aided schools and 70% are girls and co-ed schools. The sanction of funds for the ATL grant is subject to the budgetary limits of Atal Innovation Mission. Currently, AIM is not considering establishment of ATLs in all the Government schools in India.

Annexure-A**State-wise number of schools**

S. No.	States	No. of selected Schools	No. of schools received ATL Grant
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	25	10
2	Andhra Pradesh	566	349
3	Arunachal Pradesh	42	23
4	Assam	312	191
5	Bihar	131	68
6	Chandigarh	27	16
7	Chhattisgarh	373	220
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	3	3
9	Daman and Diu	2	0
10	Delhi-NCR	251	146
11	Goa	25	17
12	Gujarat	472	323
13	Haryana	329	174
14	Himachal Pradesh	122	59
15	Jammu and Kashmir	117	37
16	Jharkhand	161	63
17	Karnataka	704	335
18	Kerala	488	247
19	Ladakh	03	0
20	Lakshadweep	0	0
21	Madhya Pradesh	617	276
22	Maharashtra	848	460
23	Manipur	89	59
24	Meghalaya	23	11
25	Mizoram	31	20
26	Nagaland	26	20
27	Odisha	411	181
28	Puducherry	25	14
29	Punjab	220	120
30	Rajasthan	418	214
31	Sikkim	32	24
32	Tamil Nadu	696	375
33	Telangana	317	146
34	Tripura	25	12
35	Uttar Pradesh	693	305
36	Uttarakhand	87	46
37	West Bengal	167	116
	Total	8878	4680
