

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Leadership Programme for academicians

1639. Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Leadership Program for academician initiated jointly by National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration and Harvard University was approved by Government in 2019-2020;

(b) whether it is also a fact that first part of the program was completed in NIEPA, New Delhi and second part was to be held at Harvard University, USA in March 2020 but was postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic from 22.03.2020 but many trainees were granted Visa by USA;

(c) whether Government of India already paid the amount to Harvard University; and

(d) if so, details thereof and when this training program will be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d): Leadership Programme for Academicians (LEAP) as one of the components under the Central Sector Scheme Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers & Teaching (PMMMNTT) was introduced in the light of recommendation of Group of Secretaries (GoS) in the year 2018 for two years till the conclusion of the Mission period i.e. March 2020. National Institution of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) was identified as one of the centres to conduct LEAP.

After completion of domestic component of LEAP training, Harvard University, USA was selected for one week foreign training component by NIEPA and NIEPA had made payment as per agreement executed between them. However, due to COVID-19 protocol, the movement of participants for international travel was restricted and the training for foreign component could not be undertaken. As considerable time has since lapsed over the sunset date of the PMMMNTT Scheme, the programme could not be completed.
