

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO-149**  
ANSWERED ON 02/08/2023

**Objectives of Nipun Bharat Mission**

**149 # SHRI RAMBHAI HARJIBHAI MOKARIYA:**

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the objective of Nipun Bharat Mission, whether it is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), the category of children who can avail benefit under this scheme; the details thereof;
- (b) whether Vidyanjali portal has been launched by Government to facilitate availability of CSR funds for the development and improvement of schools; and
- (c) if so, whether Government and private schools, both can avail benefits through this portal, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 149 FOR REPLY ON 02.08.2023 ASKED BY SHRI RAMBHAI HARJIBHAI MOKARIYA, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "OBJECTIVES OF NIPUN BHARAT MISSION"**

(a) The National Education Policy 2020 has stipulated that "attaining foundational literacy and numeracy for all children will thus become an urgent national mission, with immediate measures to be taken on many fronts and with clear goals that will be attained in the short term (including that every student will attain foundational literacy and numeracy by Grade 3). The highest priority of the education system will be to achieve universal foundational literacy and numeracy in primary school by 2025. The rest of this Policy will become relevant for our students only if this most basic learning requirement (i.e., reading, writing, and arithmetic at the foundational level) is first achieved". Towards this end, the Government has launched a National Mission called "National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat)", on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021, for ensuring that every child in the country necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy by the end of Grade 3, by 2026-27. The mission covers the first 5 years of the school continuum of the 5+3+3+4 pedagogical structure including 3 preschool years. This mission has been set up under the aegis of the centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha, and focuses on following areas: providing access and retaining children in foundational years of schooling; teacher capacity building; development of high quality and diversified Student and Teacher Resources/Learning Materials; and tracking the progress of each child in achieving learning outcomes.

(b)& (c) Vidyanjali is a school volunteer management program of Department of School Education & Literacy under Ministry of Education. The program was launched in September 2021 with the aim to strengthen government and government aided schools and improve the quality of school education through community, CSR and private sector involvement across the country. As on date, only Government and Government aided schools can avail the benefits through Vidyanjali.

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