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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1448
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Home schooling in the country

1448 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of students receiving home schooling, State-wise;
- (b) how Government plans to address the concerns of parents regarding the recognition and acceptance of home schooling as a valid educational option in the country;
- (c) how Government is working to bridge the digital divide and provide equal access to online learning platforms and resources for home school students in different regions of the country; and
- (d) the initiatives or policies taken by Government to enhance professional development and training opportunities for home schooling parents, to ensure effective instruction and learning outcomes for their children?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a) The State & UT wise number of students receiving home schooling is at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) to (d) The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 advocates full equity and inclusion as the cornerstone of education to ensure that all students are able to thrive in the education system. The policy recommends providing the choice for home-based education for children with severe and multiple disabilities who are unable to go to schools. The Samagra Shiksha scheme has been aligned with the NEP 2020 to ensure that all children have access to quality education.

The Centrally sponsored Samagra Shiksha – is an integrated scheme for School Education of the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, covers all children including children with special needs. Under Samagra Shiksha, there is a dedicated component for Inclusive Education for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) through which various provisions are made available for the educational needs of CwSN such as, provision of aids, appliances, assistive devices & teaching learning materials (TLMs) etc. under the scheme. This includes home based education for children with multiple &/ severe disabilities who are unable to attend school. For the year 2023-24, support for 72,186 CwSN, who are enrolled in the home-based education programme has been approved, with an estimated outlay of ₹2,067.93 lakh.

Parenting is of great significance in the current age of disruption in all spheres of life. Parent and community participation can go a long way in helping children overcome the challenges that they face and providing a safe and conducive environment for learning. Parents and care givers can contribute immensely in providing appropriate learning experiences to their children. MoE has developed guidelines for Parent participation in Home based learning for which link is given below:

https://dse1.education.gov.in/sites/default/files/update/MoE_Home_Learning_Guidelines.pdf

A comprehensive initiative called PM eVIDYA has been initiated as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan, which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education. The eContents/ programme uploaded under PM eVidya are based on NCERT curriculum. Besides this many States have also offered and uploaded their e-Contents for PM eVidya, in line with the curriculum of their education boards/SCERTs. The initiative includes:

- DIKSHA the nation's digital infrastructure for providing quality e-content for school education in States/UTs and QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades (one nation, one digital platform). As on 27.07.2023 DIKSHA has more than 524 crores learning sessions, more than 6,125 crore learning minutes with more than 1.63 crore average daily page hits. A total of 3,17,496 pieces of e-contents are live on DIKSHA as on date.
- PM eVidya DTH TV live Telecast –
 - (i) Class 1 to 10 Live programmes - 3,021 Live interactive sessions of 30 minutes each have been telecast on class-based channels (1 to 10). It covered about 1,510.30 hours of telecast.
 - (ii) Class 11 & 12 Live programme: 296 live interactive sessions of 60 minutes each have been telecast based on class-based channels (11 & 12). It covered about 296 hours of telecast.
- E-content for visually and hearing impaired:
 - (i) About 4,210 audiobook chapters have been developed and uploaded on DIKSHA.
 - (ii) Teaching Learning Interventions for Inclusive Classrooms: 594 live sessions of 'Teaching Learning Interventions for Inclusive Classrooms' of half an hour have been transmitted live covering about 297 hours.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1448 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023 ASKED BY DR. AMEE YAJNIK, M.P. REGARDING “HOME SCHOOLING IN THE COUNTRY”.

(Rs. in lakh)

SAMAGRA SHIKSHA- IE for CwSN Component			
S. No.	State/UT	PAB Approved 2023-24	
		Physical	Financial
	Home Based Education		
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	67	1.34
2	Andhra Pradesh	5878	176.34
3	Arunachal Pradesh	142	4.26
4	Assam	4273	85.46
5	Bihar	963	33.705
6	Chandigarh	121	4.235
7	Chhattisgarh	1085	37.975
8	Delhi	1952	68.32
9	Dnd - Dnh	40	1
10	Goa	7	2.8
11	Gujarat	1314	45.99
12	Haryana	2235	44.7
13	Himachal Pradesh	1464	51.24
14	Jammu And Kashmir	0	0
15	Jharkhand	1184	41.44
16	Karnataka	0	0
17	Kerala	6733	235.655
18	Ladakh	10	0.1
19	Lakshadweep	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	3191	111.685
21	Maharashtra	6247	218.645
22	Manipur	284	5.68
23	Meghalaya	1571	27.025
24	Mizoram	10	0.35
25	Nagaland	660	19.8
26	Odisha	1682	58.87
27	Puducherry	0	0
28	Punjab	1567	54.845
29	Rajasthan	0	0
30	Sikkim	118	4.025
31	Tamil Nadu	11400	260.192
32	Telangana	3036	15.18
33	Tripura	177	4.425
34	Uttar Pradesh	10935	382.725
35	Uttarakhand	687	6.87
36	West Bengal	3153	63.06
Grand Total		72186	2067.93

Source: PRABANDH Portal

