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Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in Himachal Pradesh

1481 # Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering to launch any new scheme under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan to promote the level of education of children of primary classes in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any age limit has been fixed for children under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b): The Department had launched Samagra Shiksha – an Integrated Scheme for School Education by subsuming the erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE) from 2018-19. The Samagra Shiksha scheme has now been aligned with the recommendations of NEP 2020 and has been continued for a period of five years with effect from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2026. The scheme is being implemented in all State/UTs including Himachal Pradesh. In addition, two new initiatives namely National Digital Library and strengthening of DIETs in Districts and SCERTs in State/UTs, have been launched.

STRENGTHENING TEACHING-LEARNING AND RESULTS FOR STATES (STARS) PROJECT supported by the World Bank was declared effective on 23rd February, 2021. STARS Project is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) (in six states namely Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Odisha and Kerala) for a period of 5 years i.e. till FY: 2024-25. The project envisages improving student outcomes in the selected States and the governance of school education in India. The targeted beneficiaries of the project are the children from the age of 3 to 18 years (pre-school to class XII), Teacher Education institutions and Teachers.

The Cabinet has approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme named Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) on 7th September, 2022. These schools demonstrate the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 and offer leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood. States and UTs were asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L), Ministry of Education, Government of India, for implementation of PM SHRI scheme. The State of Himachal Pradesh has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with DoSE&L.

c): The Samagra Shiksha – An Integrated Scheme on School Education envisages the 'school' as a continuum from pre-school, primary, upper primary, secondary to senior secondary levels. The normative age group for 5+3+3+4 educational structure is from 3-18 years. However children beyond too are being covered. The vision of the Scheme is to ensure inclusive and equitable quality and holistic education from pre-school to senior secondary stage in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) for Education and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
