

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.180

ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

180 **Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik:**

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and if so, the aims and objectives thereof alongwith its achievements made since its launch;
- (b) the challenges faced by Government while implementing Unnat Bharat Abhiyan;
- (c) the names of Higher Educational Institutions selected to participate in Unnat Bharat Abhiyan along with the financial assistance provided to them; and
- (d) the details of rural clusters selected for development by using eco-friendly sustainable technologies State-wise, particularly in Maharashtra?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.180 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024 ASKED BY SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN"

(a) and (b) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) is a flagship scheme of the Ministry of Education launched in September 2014. It connects Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the country with the villages and local communities to identify challenges faced by the rural communities. UBA aims to bring students closer to the village communities and other government organizations with the ultimate goal of sensitizing students about the socio-economic conditions of villages. It has created a wide network of stakeholders, viz., HEIs, government organisations, youth, NGOs, etc., to work across villages. All India Council of Technical Education has introduced rural Internship program for Degree and Diploma courses and University Grants Commission launched a 2-credit course in Community Engagement in all HEIs in 2021. IIT Delhi is the National Coordinator for UBA.

(c) The UBA scheme covers 3830 HEIs, called Participating Institutions (PIs), and includes institutes of repute, like, IITs, IIMs, IISERs, besides State Universities, etc. Budgetary provisions of upto Rs.50,000/- or upto Rs.1,00,000/- are provided to an institute, as per kind of activity undertaken. State wise list of participating Institutes along with the villages may be explored at the link <https://unnatbharatabhiyan.gov.in/list-participating-institutes>

(d) A total number of 213 projects have been approved by the Subject Expert Groups under UBA for development using eco-friendly sustainable technologies till date. This includes 37 projects in the State of Maharashtra. The list of these 213 projects is available at the link <https://unnatbharatabhiyan.gov.in/public/uploads/downloads/download-4919.pdf>
