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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 999**  
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**Education for children of nomadic families**

**999 # Shri Ram Chander Jangra:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) by when the New Education Policy would be implemented across the country;
- (b) whether Government proposes to increase the number of KVS and JNV schools in the coming days in view of good and accessible education being provided thereof and if so, State-wise, details thereof;
- (c) the schemes of Government to educate the children of nomadic families along with the measures being proposed to encourage them to pursue education; and
- (d) whether Government plan to establish residential schools to educate the children of nomadic families?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a): National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 provides different timelines as well as principles and methodology for its implementation. It also envisions operationalization of the entire policy by the decade of 2030-40.

(b): Opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) is a continuous process. KVs are opened primarily to cater to the educational needs of the wards of different categories of transferable Central Government Employees by providing a common programme of education throughout the country. The Ministry / Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) continuously receives proposals/requests from various Sponsoring Authorities/public representatives for opening of new KVs. Such proposals/ requests received from the Sponsoring Authorities/public representatives for opening of new KVs are examined/processed at various levels before approval of the competent authority is sought as per the extant procedures.

Further, Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme (NVS) envisages for opening of one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in each district of the country. Opening of NVS is a continuous process. Accordingly, Government proposes to open new NVSs in the uncovered districts from time to time.

(c) and (d): The Department of School Education and Literacy is implementing an integrated centrally sponsored scheme for School education- Samagra Shiksha. The scheme treats school education holistically, without segmentation from pre-primary to class XII. The scheme provides support for the implementation of the RTE Act.

The Scheme has now been aligned with the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and aims to ensure that all children have access to quality education with an equitable and inclusive classroom environment which should take care of their diverse background, multilingual needs, different academic abilities and make them active participants in the learning process.

Under Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to States and UTs for providing various facilities to the children including migrant children for implementing the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 as also for implementation of various provisions of Samagra Shiksha Scheme which include free uniform to eligible children at elementary level, free textbooks at elementary level, development of primers/textbooks for tribal language, teaching learning materials, transport/escort facility up to secondary level, special training for age appropriate admission of out of school children and residential as well as non-residential training for older children, seasonal hostels / residential camps, special training centres, age-appropriate residential and non-residential training, support of Rs. 2000 per child per grade to Out of School Children (16 to 19 years) for completion of education through NIOS/SIOS, Holistic Progress Card, bilingual teaching material and books, support to Children with Special Needs (CWSN). Further, under the student-oriented component for the children with special needs, financial assistance is provided for identification and assessment of children with special needs, aids and appliances, braille kits and books, appropriate teaching learning material and stipend to girl students with disability etc.

Also, under the Scheme financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs for Universalization of School Education including opening/strengthening of new schools upto senior secondary level, construction of school buildings & additional classrooms, development/strengthening of school infrastructure in northern border areas under Vibrant Village Programme, setting up, up-gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, construction of hostels for PVTGs under PM-JANMAN, setting up of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas, construction of hostels under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan for unsaturated ST population, reimbursement under RTE Act, various qualitative components, strengthening of teacher education and strengthening of DIETs/BRCs/CRCs, provision of ICT and digital interventions.

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