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Teachers' training and development in Odisha

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

- (a) the number of teachers in Odisha who have received training under the National Teacher Training Program in the last year;
- (b) the steps being taken to improve the quality of teacher training and development in Odisha;
- (c) the plans for setting up more training centres for teachers in the State; and
- (d) the measures being implemented to enhance the teaching skills of educators in remote and rural area?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (d): The Central Sector Scheme of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers & Teaching (PMMMNTT) was launched by the Hon'ble PM in December, 2014 with the aim of addressing comprehensively all issues related to teachers, teaching, teacher preparation, professional development, curriculum design, and developing assessment & evaluation methodology, research in developing effective Pedagogy in higher education sector. Now, the Scheme has been re-envisioned in alignment with NEP 2020 and re-launched on 05.09.2023 as 'Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Program (MMTTP)'.

The newly re-envisioned MMTTP also aims to enhance the capacity and competency of faculty of higher education institutions in the field of NEP Orientation & Sensitization, Short Term Program, Refresher Course, Faculty Induction Program, Specific Learning Disabilities, Mental Health, Resilience & Well-being of HEIs, Academic Leadership and Nurturing Future Leadership.

To improve the quality, skills and strengthening capacity of college teachers/ faculty, new components have been added from time to time. To keep pace with global standards in the area of

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Capacity Building Program on STEM and Science Communication were added in MMTTP. To integrate technology in education and to enhance teaching, learning, and administrative efficiency of faculty of higher education, Capacity Building Programs on Cyber Security and Artificial Intelligence have been started. In addition to this, the UGC gathers participant feedback on the MMTTP to enhance the quality of the program. To expand the outreach and to increase accessibility, most of the programs are conducted in online, offline and hybrid mode to cover all faculty in every corner of the country.

The institutions conducting the training programs are called Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTCs). The program is supported by 144 such MMTTCs. Since its re-launch, the program has trained 2,00,694 faculty members across the country under different components. In Odisha, 4 MMTTCs have been identified namely Sambalpur University, Utkal University, Berhampur University and IIM Sambalpur to conduct different programs. In these 4 MMTTCs, 133 programs were conducted where 21,984 faculty members were trained. Inclusion of MMTTCs is done after the approval of Project Approval Board of MMTTP.
