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Training and digital teaching aids for Anganwadi workers

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

- (a) whether the Ministry plans to provide training and digital teaching aids for Anganwadi workers and pre-school teachers in Odisha for improving early childhood education quality; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) In the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, for the first time, 3 years of pre-schools (Balvatika) is recognized as a continuum of education in the 5+3+3+4 structure where the foundational stage is 3 years of pre-school and grade 1 & grade 2. National Curricular Framework for Foundational Stage (NCF-FS) was launched on 20th October, 2022 providing a structure for the syllabus, training of teachers, learning teaching material (LTM), etc. and it is the first ever integrated curriculum framework for children between ages 3-8 in India. The Jaadui Pitara (JP), a set of 53 play-based learning-teaching materials for ages 3–8 was launched on 20th February 2023. Available in 23 languages (including English), JP includes toys, puzzles, story cards, flashcards, and teacher handbooks centred on the NCF-FS. Its digital extension, the e-Jaadui Pitara, launched on 10th February 2024, offers multilingual stories, activities, songs, and AI-based bots—Katha Sakhi, Teacher Tara, and Parent Tara—to support children, teachers, and parents. As envisaged in NEP 2020, these initiatives are an integral part of the foundational stage.

As informed by the State Government of Odisha, from academic session 2025-26 onwards, an additional pre-school class called “Sishu Vatika” has been opened in all primary schools where children in the age group of 5-6 years have been admitted for pre-school education. Primary school teachers have been trained for imparting pre-school education to the children in the age group of 5-6 years in Sishu Vatika class. Total 98% teachers have been imparted training on Prayog module

for Sishu Vatika Grade. To promote digital teaching, 4,904 co-located Anganwadi Centers and 3,140 primary schools have been provided with smart TV.

As informed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), the Ministry has initiated capacity building programme for Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) under Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) training since 10th May, 2023 and as on date, 41,645 State Level Master Trainers (SLMTs) including Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) & supervisors and 8,95,814 AWWs have been trained across the country. In the State of Odisha, 2,742 SLMTs & 17,036 AWWs have been trained under PBPB Round-1. The MoWCD has leveraged the 'Poshan Tracker' application to empower AWWs and provide them with continuous digital support and coaching. This initiative aims to enhance their capacity to deliver optimal early childhood care and education (ECCE) services to all children. As part of the digital training efforts, daily learning prompts based on 'Aadharshila' are sent to all AWWs through the Poshan Tracker application. Additionally, digital training resources aligned with 'Navchetana' are being developed to support AWWs in conducting structured home visits.
