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Special training and learning programs in North Eastern Region

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

- (a) whether special training programmes exist for rural and tribal areas in Assam and North East and the impact of such training on learning outcomes; and
- (b) whether there was demand of Bodofa Upendranath Brahma Central University in Barama and NIT Udalguri in the Bodoland Territorial Region as per Bodo Peace Accord 2020, if so, whether any measures have been taken or planned to be taken?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a): Training programmes are conducted for the schools, District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs), State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs), Colleges/ Universities and North East States' officials regularly in different parts of North East States. The participants are from all eight States of North East, including both rural and tribal areas. These trainings help the participants to improve functioning of the Institutions in terms of administration and academic activities including improving learning outcomes.

The Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) is being implemented across the country, including Assam and other North Eastern States, through Centres established at Tezpur University, Tripura University, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Mizoram University, Manipur University, Gauhati University, Assam University, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Shillong and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati. The Programme provides Faculty Induction Programmes, National Education Policy (NEP) Orientation and Sensitization Programmes, Refresher Courses and Short-Term Programmes for faculty members, including those from rural and tribal areas. Training is delivered in online/hybrid modes, with regional language modules wherever required, to promote inclusive, multilingual and competency-based teaching, Information and Communications Technology (ICT) integration and improved learning outcomes.

The Department of School Education & Literacy is implementing an integrated centrally sponsored scheme for School education- Samagra Shiksha. Under the Scheme, support is provided through special training for age-appropriate admission of Out of School Children and for the training of residential as well as non-residential older children by all the States and Union Territories (UTs), including North East States. This Department has developed an online module for compiling the data of Out of School Children (OoSC) identified by each State/UT and their mapping with Special Training Centres (STC) on the PRABANDH Portal.

Under the PM SHRI (Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India) scheme, strengthening of teacher training is done through District Institutes of Education and Trainings (DIETs). There is financial provision per DIET for capacity building programmes of PM SHRI schools, alongwith financial assistance for training of subject teachers, principals, special educators, ICT teachers and master trainers thereby enhancing overall teaching quality and school leadership in PM SHRI schools.

Directorate General of Training (DGT) under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) implements the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through a network of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) for skilling the youth of the country including North Eastern States. In ITIs, craftsmen training is provided in 170 National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) aligned trades. The training courses under CTS are designed to impart basic skills and knowledge in the respective trades so as to prepare trainees for wage employment and as well as self-employment.

(b): Yes Sir. Consultations have been held between concerned Ministries, Government of India, Government of Assam and other stakeholders. Further, Ministry of Education has set up several Centrally Funded Institutions (CFIs) in Assam to provide high Quality Higher Education including technical education to students of Assam such as National Institute of Technology (NIT), Silchar, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)- Guwahati, Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT)- Guwahati, Central University (Assam University & Tezpur University), Central Institute of Technology (CIT)- Kokrajhar. As per NIT policy, 50% of the undergraduate seats are reserved for home State.
