

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2078
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th December, 2018**

Counselling of Students

2078. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the **Minister** of **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any action plan for providing special counselling to students to guide them about their aptitude after 8th and 10th Class on lines of other countries; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a): The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched the Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19. This programme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education. It envisages the 'school' as a continuum from pre-school, primary, upper primary, secondary to senior secondary levels.

The vision of the Integrated Scheme "Samagra Shiksha" is to make education of good quality accessible, available and affordable to all. Under Samagra Shiksha, Guidance and counselling is an important aspect at various levels of school education that aims at providing educational, personal and vocational guidance and counselling service to children. States and UTs have the flexibility to consider framing a special strategy for guidance and counselling in schools. The scheme provides that teachers should be trained and qualified on guidance and counselling services and thereby capable of conducting varied guidance and counselling programmes in schools. The existing teachers should also be trained for this purpose, besides arranging Guest Lectures by prominent people in different fields may be considered. Standardized tests may be used for identifying the needs, interests, strengths and weakness of the learners and accordingly provide the required guidance and counselling services. Further, vocational education component approved for States and UTs under the scheme also includes career counselling for students.

As per the National Policy on Education (NPE), it is necessary to have effective career guidance and counselling at the level of secondary school education. In alignment with the policy guidelines NCERT has developed aptitude tests for class IX students to assess their interests so that they can choose and pursue the right course. The idea is to introduce a system for scientific assessment of students' inherent skills and potentials so that they have a clear understanding of their merits, demerits and capabilities. This will not only help students plan their career at an early age, but also serve as a guide to their parents when they plan their career. The results of the aptitude test would help parents plan a "realistic" career path for their children, instead of forcing them to choose a career of their choice. The aptitude of the children will be identified through psychometric tests comprising questions on numerical reasoning, verbal reasoning and diagrammatic reasoning.

(b): The State wise approval for Counselling & Guidance and Aptitude Test under Samagra Shiksha for the year 2018-19 are at Annexure –I and Annexure-II respectively.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2078 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH DECEMBER, 2018 ASKED BY SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL REGARDING COUNSELLING OF STUDENTS.

Career Guidance and Counselling under Samagra Shiksha 2018-19

Sl. No	State/UT	Approved under the Head	Budget Approved (In Lakh)
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	Career Guidance	3.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	Career Guidance	13.00
3	Bihar	Career Guidance	33.80
4	Chandigarh	Career Guidance	13.95
5	Daman And Diu	Career Guidance	2.20
6	Gujarat	Career Guidance	62.75
7	Jammu And Kashmir	Career Guidance	70.35
		Career Guidance Programme for Girls	90.45
8	Karnataka	Career Guidance	92.58
9	Manipur	Career Guidance	28.86
10	Mizoram	Career Guidance	24.80
11	Odisha	Career Guidance	107.84
12	Uttar Pradesh	Career Guidance	21.84
13.	Delhi	Career Conclave	32.50
14	Haryana	Guidance & Counselling	15.00
15	Sikkim	Guidance & Counselling	164.91
16	Uttarakhand	Career Guidance Programme for SC/ST/OBC Girls (Bal Sakha)	23.85
17	Himachal Pradesh	Guidance and Counselling	164.94
18	Kerala	Guidance and Counselling	62
19	Meghalaya	Guidance and Counselling	22.55
20	Punjab	Guidance and Counselling	4.40
Grand Total			1,055.57

Source: Project Approval Board (PAB) approval (2018-19).

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State wise approval for Aptitude tests 2018-19

S.No	State	Financial approval by PAB (Rs in Lakh)
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	4.45
2	Andhra Pradesh	13
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0
4	Assam	96.08
5	Bihar	19
6	Chandigarh	0
7	Chhattisgarh	0
8	Dadra And Nagar Haveli	0
9	Daman And Diu	5.1
10	Delhi	0
11	Goa	0
12	Gujarat	0
13	Haryana	0
14	Himachal Pradesh	0
15	Jammu And Kashmir	12.25
16	Jharkhand	0
17	Karnataka	30
18	Kerala	150
19	Lakshadweep	0.6
20	Madhya Pradesh	575
21	Maharashtra	0
22	Manipur	8
23	Meghalaya	0
24	Mizoram	0
25	Nagaland	0
26	Odisha	30
27	Puducherry	8.06
28	Punjab	0
29	Rajasthan	0
30	Sikkim	0
31	Tamil Nadu	33.5
32	Telangana	31
33	Tripura	0
34	Uttar Pradesh	0
35	Uttrakhand	0
36	West Bengal	0
Grand Total		1016.04

Source: Project Approval Board (PAB) approval (2018-19).