

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 32
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JUNE, 2019

Quality of Education

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

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SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHAWAHA:

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

- (a) the details of the policy formulated to improve the quality of education in primary and secondary schools in the country;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to set up other schools on the lines of Rajkiya Pratibha Vidyalayas by the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such schools set up/ proposed to be set up so far, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) the number of States where Rajkiya Pratibha Vidyalayas are providing their services, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (A) TO (D) OF THE REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 32 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019 ASKED BY SHRI RAVINDRA SHYAM NARAYAN SHUKLA ALIAS RAVI KISHA AND SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHAWAHA REGARDING QUALITY OF EDUCATION

(a) The Central Government has taken several initiatives to the quality of education in primary and secondary schools in the country as follows:

1. In order to focus on quality education, the Central rules to the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act have been amended to include reference on class-wise, subject-wise Learning Outcomes. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) conducted a National Achievement Survey, under which learning outcomes of students were evaluated.

2. The online D.El.Ed. course has been started from 3rd October, 2017 and 9,58,513 teachers have successfully completed the training. A four year B.Ed integrated course has been launched for which applications have been invited on 3rd June 2019.

3. The Central Government has launched an Integrated Scheme for School Education – Samagra Shiksha, from 2018-19. Government of India has decided to participate in the Programme for International Students Assessment (PISA) to be conducted by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in 2021. Approval has been given for conducting a Census based audit called **Shagunotsav** of all government and government aided schools in all States and UTs. In 2019-20, approval has been given for an **Integrated Teacher Training Programme** formulated by NCERT & National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) and **School Based Assessment (SBA)**.

4. MHRD has designed a 70 indicators based matrix **Performance Grading Index (PGI)** to grade the States/UTs. To collect timely and accurate data, a well-functioning and sustainable Educational Management Information System called **UDISE+ (UDISE plus)** has been launched in 2018-19.

5. In 2019-20, approval has been given for setting up **Youth and Eco Club** in all Government Schools across the country. In order to experience and celebrate the rich cultural diversity of India, **Rangotsav** was organized in schools in 2018-19.

(b) to (d) The Rajkiya Pratibha Vidyalaya is a State Government scheme. The State of Uttar Pradesh has informed that there are two schemes on lines of Rajkiya Pratibha Vidyalaya, namely 18 Abhinav Vidyalaya (one in each Division) and 148 Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya model schools.

However, the Ministry of Human Resource Development is running the Kendriya Vidyalayas & Novodaya Vidyalayas, which are pace setting institutions providing quality education.

Further, under the centrally sponsored scheme Samagra Shiksha, funds are given to all States and UTs for strengthening of infrastructure and provision of other facilities in schools to ensure that all schools meet the prescribed norms, besides other interventions to improve the quality of education.
