

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 286
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th JUNE, 2019**

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

286. SHRI B.B. PATIL:

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

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to improve the quality of education under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);
- (b) whether the Government has adopted any mechanism to evaluate the progress of various objectives of the scheme;
- (c) the targeted achievements under the scheme during the last three years; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to implement the scheme particularly in rural regions of the country?

ANSWER

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

(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 Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha has an inbuilt concurrent evaluation and monitoring system. The Ministry of Human Resource Development convenes periodic meetings with State Education Ministers and Secretaries to review the progress of Schemes. Educational data is collected through a Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) every year to assess the progress. A National Achievement Survey (NAS) across all States and UTs was conducted on 13.11.2017 to assess the learning achievement of students of classes III, V and VIII. The status of these evaluations and monitoring is placed in the public domain on the Ministry's website. Further, an All India Performance Audit on Implementation of RTE Act, 2009 was conducted by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (C&AG) for the period extending from 2010-11 to 2015-16 and accordingly Report No. 23 of 2017 has been laid on the Table of the Parliament on 21.07.2017. An independent third party evaluation of the SSA Scheme was also conducted in 2017-18. It has pointed out that the SSA achieved considerable success in universalizing access and strengthening of infrastructure in schools. It has appreciated the enhanced focus of SSA on quality of education in recent years.

Under SSA, since its inception in 2001 and Samagra Shiksha effective from 2018-19, 3.64 lakh new elementary schools, construction of 3,12,747 school buildings, 18,89,689 additional classrooms, 2,40,564 drinking water facilities and 10,63,164 toilet have been sanctioned. Out of which, States and UTs have reported opening up of 3.59 lakh new elementary schools, construction of 2,95,815 school buildings, 18,10,286 additional classrooms, 2,34,017 drinking water facilities and 10,13,609 toilets as on 31st December, 2018.
