

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1636
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023**

National Teachers Award

1636. **SHRI SELVAM G.:**
SHRI C. N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:
SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any criteria for selection of teachers for grant of National Teachers Award;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with aims and objective of granting National Teachers Award to teachers;
- (c) the number of teachers awarded National Teachers Award during the last three years and the current year State-wise;
- (d) the details of funds allocated and utilized for this purpose;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to give out-of-turn promotion to the award winning teachers and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government is formulating any action plan to set standards for teachers across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (g) the number of teachers trained under Teacher Training Programme for Teachers in the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (h) the other steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of school education and enriching the lives of school students?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (d) On-line applications are invited every year since 2018 from the eligible teachers on the portal throughout the country as per eligibility criteria fixed by the Government. Selection of teachers are being done through a rigorous three stage transparent selection process at District, State and finally by Independent Jury at National Level. Financial allocation, utilization and no. of awardee under National Awards to Teachers during last three years and the current year are as under:

Financial Year	Budget Allocated in Rs. lakh	Actual expenditure in Rs. lakh	Year of National Awards to Teachers	No. of Teachers awarded
2019-20	134.00	113.91	2019	46
2020-21	150.00	68.49	2020	47
2021-22	100.00	80.41	2021	44
2022-23	500.00	360.00 (as on date)	2022	45

(e) Government has no proposal to give out of turn promotion to Award winning teachers.

(f) Yes Sir, NPST (National Professional Standards for Teachers), as envisaged in Para 5.20 of (National Education Policy) NEP 2020 is a public statement of what constitutes teacher quality. It defines the work of teachers and makes explicit elements of high-quality, effective teaching in 21st century schools that will improve educational outcomes for students. It will govern the teaching profession in the country in relation to its professional role. In addition, NPST will aim to improve the teachers' personal and professional development by providing them an understanding of what is expected in terms of their performance and what needs to be done to enhance the same.

Ministry of Education (MoE) entrusted the task of NPST to NCTE (National Council for Teacher Education). Draft Guiding Document on NPST, which is a statement of quality and defines competencies of teachers at different stages/level has been prepared. Pilot study of NPST has been launched in 75 government schools (25 KVs, 25 JNVs and 25 CBSE) across the country in July 2022.

(g) The Department of School Education and Literacy launched a National Mission to improve learning outcomes at the Elementary level through an Integrated Teacher Training Programme called NISHTHA – National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement on 21st August, 2019 in face-to-face mode. Further, in wake of COVID-19 pandemic and in order to provide continuous learning opportunities to the teachers at the elementary level, Department had launched NISHTHA online using DIKSHA platform in October 2020 to reach out to remaining elementary teachers and its further extension to all as well.

NISHTHA: Coverage of Elementary Teachers – in the State of Tamil Nadu

State	Face- to face Completed	Online Completed	Total Completed
Tamil Nadu	138425	0	138425

(h) In pursuance of the goals and objectives of the NEP 2020, several initiatives have been launched in School Education viz. National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat) for ensuring foundational literacy and numeracy by the end of Grade 3, Vidya-Pravesh – Guidelines for Three-month Play-based School Preparation Module; Indian Sign Language as a Subject at secondary level by National Institute of Open Schooling; NISHTHA (National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement) 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 Integrated Teacher Training Programme for different stages of school education for Teachers, Head Teachers/Principals and other stakeholders in Educational Management, SAFAL (Structure Assessment for Analysing Learning Levels) for competency-based assessment in CBSE schools for grades 3, 5, and 8 etc.
