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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1643**  
ANSWERED ON 13/02/2023

**NIPUN for Children in Early Grades**

1643. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:  
SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:  
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Education Policy 2020 gives high priority to the acquisition of foundational literacy and numeracy skills especially for children in early grades under “NIPUN Bharat” (National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy) which is designed to translate policy into practice, is beginning to have traction in many States and if so, the details thereof and the implementation status thereof;

(b) whether the Government is currently taking steps for the policy and implementation focused on early years in Primary School, it is beneficial to understand how the older children in Upper Primary Grades are far from the benefits of the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and details of steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard till date?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The National Education Policy 2020, flagged the issue of learning crisis in the area of foundational literacy and numeracy. It states that, “the highest priority of the education system will be on achieving universal foundational literacy and numeracy in primary schools’. Accordingly, as per the recommendation of the policy, a dedicated mission ‘National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy’ (NIPUN Bharat) was launched by the government on 5th July 2021 under Samagra Shiksha. The policy further states that “all State/UT governments will immediately prepare an implementation plan for attaining universal foundational literacy and numeracy in all primary schools, identifying stage-wise targets and goals to be achieved by 2025, and closely tracking and monitoring progress of the same”. Accordingly, all the states/UT s have started planning and implementing NIPUN Bharat Mission.

Vidya Pravesh programme has been implemented in 33 States/UTs namely; Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Ladakh, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram,

Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal.

National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement(NISHTHA)- Foundational Literacy & Numeracy training(FLN) has been undertaken by the teachers of 34 States and UTs namely; Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Ladakh, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Sikkim, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand.

Resources for teachers on FLN have been developed by 28 States/UTs namely; Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Ladakh, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand ,West Bengal.

Resources for children on FLN have been developed by 29 States/UTs namely; Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Ladakh, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal.

The mission has been set-up under the aegis of the Centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha. The mission is being implemented by the States and UTs.

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