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LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 13/03/2023

NCERT Survey March 2022

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the findings of the NCERT survey conducted by the Government in March 2022 revealed that thirty seven per cent of class three students have limited basic numerical skills and eleven per cent of them lack basic knowledge and skill;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the scenario;
- (c) whether the said survey also revealed that fifteen per cent students lacked basic skills in English and thirty per cent have limited skills;
- (d) whether in light of the above, the Government proposes to re-evaluate the teaching methods and curriculum; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (e) : Foundational learning Study (FLS) : an assessment & benchmarking study for foundational learning was administered in March, 2022 by NCERT at the national level. FLS was conducted in 20 different languages. Approximately 86,000 grade 3 students from 10,000 schools were covered. As an important literacy skill, FLS 2022 assessed 'Reading with understanding and numeracy' skill of class 3 students. Pertaining to the linguistics differences in languages, benchmarks have been calculated distinctly for each of the 20 languages that aim to interpret the performance of the students in reading with understanding/comprehension in each of them. The survey results reflected that there is a requirement to improve the levels. These can be accessed at https://dsel.education.gov.in/fls_2022.

The National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN) Bharat Mission has been launched for the period 2021-22 to 2026-27 on 5th July 2021 aims to ensure that all the children achieve foundational learning standards by the end of grade 3,

by the year 2026-27. Apart from that VidyaPravesh that is a 3-month play based school preparedness programme for children entering grade I has been designed to help teachers ensure that all children are exposed to a warm and welcoming environment when they enter grade- I, leading to their smooth transition to formal school. The National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage (NCF-FS) was launched on 20th October 2022 which includes engaging Teaching-Learning Material (TLM) both for teachers and students, teacher capacity building programme, assessment and pedagogical approaches to guide the nature of syllabus, textbooks and other resource material for teaching and learning in the country to be used at the foundational stage. Jaadui Pitara was recently released on 20th February, 2023 for the foundational stage under the NCF-FS with the motto “Learning through play”. It is an exemplar of content needed in any school for the Foundational Stage. National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) training programmes in FLN and ECCE are being run to train teachers across the country.
