

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5161
ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023**

ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS OF THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

5161. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of points and issues that are mentioned as part of the New Education Policy with regards to the Alumni Associations of the schools and colleges;
- (b) whether there is a special mention regarding the thirty three Sainik Schools Alumni Associations and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any statistics of Alumni Associations of few of the well known educational institutes like the Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institute of Management (IIMs) across the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any Alumni Association can be funded for their developmental initiatives of their alma maters as per the New Education Policy and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 inter-alia provides that –

“3.7. Efforts will be made to involve community and alumni in volunteer efforts for enhancing learning by providing at schools: one-on-one tutoring; the teaching of literacy and holding of extra-help sessions; teaching support and guidance for educators; career guidance and mentoring to students; etc. In this regard, the support of active and healthy senior citizens, school alumni and local community members will be suitably garnered. Databases of literate volunteers, retired scientists/government/semi government employees, alumni and educators will be created for this purpose.

7.12. The school should be a point of celebration and honour for the whole community. The dignity of the school as an institution should be restored and

important dates, such as the foundation day of the school, will be celebrated along with the community and the list of important alumni may be displayed and honoured. Furthermore, the un-utilized capacity of school infrastructure could be used to promote social, intellectual and volunteer activities for the community and to promote social cohesion during non-teaching / schooling hours and may be used as a “Samajik Chetna Kendra”.

(b) As per the information received from Ministry of Defence, out of the 33 existing Sainik Schools, being run by Sainik Schools Society under the erstwhile pattern, 23 older schools have Alumni Associations. Sainik Schools Society takes immense pride in its illustrious members of Alumni Associations and promotes them by way of School interaction Programmes. Alumni Association have been one of the pillars of strength of the Sainik Schools and have been helping financially and building an atmosphere of Bon-homie / healthy bonding between the students and ex-students of Sainik Schools.

(c) & (d) Alumni Associations are there in a few of the well-known educational institutes like the Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Management (IIMs), Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas etc. across the country. These associations are non-profit organizations and many alumni association members often provide funds for developmental initiatives and offer voluntary services for their alma maters.
