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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.571 ANSWERED ON 6th February, 2023

Nation's First National Assessment Regulator 'NCERT'

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has recently notified the nation's first national assessment regulator;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the roles and responsibilities envisaged for this new national assessment regulator in the country;

(d) whether the introduction of this new regulator would enable the removal of disparities in score of students enrolled with different State boards;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of the additional measures being taken/to be taken by the Government to ensure fairness and equality in overall comparative assessment of performance of students enrolled with various different State Boards in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (f). Para 4.41 of the National Education Policy, 2020, envisages "to set up a National Assessment Centre, PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development), as a standard-setting body under the Ministry of Education (MoE) that fulfills the basic objectives of setting norms, standards, and guidelines for student assessment and evaluation for all recognized school boards of India, guiding the State Achievement Survey (SAS) and undertaking the National Achievement Survey (NAS), monitoring achievement of learning outcomes in the country, and encouraging and helping school boards to shift their assessment patterns towards meeting the skill requirements of the 21st century in consonance with the stated objectives of this Policy. This Centre will also advise

school boards regarding new assessment patterns and latest researches, promoting collaborations between school boards. It will also become an instrument for the sharing of best practices among school boards, and for ensuring equivalence of academic standards among learners across all school boards."

National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has notified the National assessment Centre, named as Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development (PARAKH).