

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1725**  
ANSWERED ON 31/07/2023

**Training of Pre-Primary Teachers under NEP 2020**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the National Education Policy 2020 would integrate pre-primary education with mainstream education;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote the training of pre-primary teachers under NEP 2020;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the budget allocation for this specific programme of training of pre-primary teachers?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): The National Education Policy 2020 has recommended a new pedagogical and curricular structuring of 5+3+3+4 for school education covering ages 3-18 for ensuring continuum in education. Initial five years is termed as foundational stage that includes 3 years of preschool education and Grade 1 and 2. The NEP 2020 also, emphasizes on ensuring that all children have access to quality Early Childhood Care and Education, which is crucial for bridging learning gaps and promoting their early development.

In order to ensure the continuity of learning from pre-primary to primary education and ensure literacy and numeracy skills among all children, a dedicated mission 'National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy' (NIPUN Bharat) was launched by the government on 5th July 2021.

(b) and (c): With reference to the training of teachers, National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) 3.0- FLN in online mode on Digital initiative for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) platform for teachers and school heads of pre-primary to class V were launched on 7th September, 2021. A special package consisting of 12 online modules have been developed by NCERT for this purpose, as per objectives of NIPUN Bharat Mission. So far 33 States/UTs has initiated the programme in 11 Languages. NISHTHA 4.0 – Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE): To prepare an initial cadre of high quality ECCE Teachers in Anganwadis, NISHTHA – ECCE has been launched on 29th July, 2022.

(d): In the financial year 2023-24, an amount of Rs. 2017.01 lakh has been approved for pre-primary teacher training at pre-school level for 76,585 teachers.

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