

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1749  
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023**

**Special Leadership Training for Academicians**

**1749. SHRI C. LALROSANGA:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government under the Joint Collaboration of National Institute of Education Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi and Harvard University, USA, approved a Special Leadership Training for Academicians in 2019-20 and already paid a huge amount of non-refundable fund to Harvard University, USA as advanced payment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the first part of the training was held at NEIPA, New Delhi from 13th March to 21st March, 2020 and the second part to be held at Harvard University, USA in the last part of March 2020 was postponed due to nationwide lockdown from 22.03.2020;

(d) whether the Government granted one year extension after the Covid period and similar trainings of the Government took place during that period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c): Leadership Programme for Academicians (LEAP) as one of the components under the Central Sector Scheme Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers & Teaching (PMMMNTT) was introduced in the light of recommendation of Group of Secretaries (GoS) in the year 2018 for two years till the conclusion of the Mission period i.e. March 2020. National Institution of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) was identified as one of the centres to conduct LEAP.

After completion of domestic component of LEAP training, Harvard University, USA was selected for one week foreign training component by NIEPA and NIEPA had made payment as per agreement executed between them. However, due to COVID-19 protocol, the movement of participants for international travel was restricted and the training of foreign component could not be undertaken.

(d) and (e): Extension of time was given to those centres which had already started/completed domestic component of the LEAP programme for the year 2019-20 before 31.03.2020 and also had funds available with them to complete the training of foreign component.

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