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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:- 2923

ANSWERED ON-07/08/2023

Proliferation of Sub-Standard Teachers Training Colleges

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of sub-standard Teachers' Training Colleges and has taken any steps to control the proliferation of such sub-standard Teachers' Training Colleges as poorly trained teachers cannot ensure quality of education or contents being taught;
- (b) whether the Government intends to undertake an audit of such colleges;
- (c) if not, the manner in which the Government proposes to ensure quality of teachers in whose hands the future of India will be groomed; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to ensure education of migrant children especially those whose parents migrate in search of livelihood for a short period?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c): The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), vide its various regulations, as amended from time to time, lays down the infrastructural and instructional norms and standards for the Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs). In order to ascertain the fulfilment of norms and standards by the Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs), NCTE has introduced Performance Appraisal Report (PAR) from academic session 2020-21.
- (d): In order to ensure education of migrant children, the Ministry of Education has issued guidelines for their identification, admission and continued education. The main features of these guidelines are Continued Education for Out of School Children (OoSC) and Children with Special Needs (CWSN), Identifying Out of School Children, Enrolment Drives and Awareness Generation, Student Support and Teacher Capacity Building. All State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been requested to ensure access to education and continuous learning by migrant children.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, special training for age appropriate admission of out of school children (OoSC) and residential as well as non-residential training for older children, seasonal hostels / residential camps, special training centres at worksites, transport/ escort facility are supported to bring out of school children to the formal schooling system. Free textbooks and uniforms are also provided as per norms of the scheme besides support under PM Poshan Scheme.

Further, since 2021-22, financial assistance is provided for supporting OoSC of age group of 16-19 years, belonging to socio economically disadvantaged groups, for completing their education through NIOS/SIOS, for accessing course materials and certification. Samagra Shiksha supports the provision of residential facilities under the intervention entitled Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya. Children of seasonal migrants are one of the priority target groups under this intervention.
