

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 663  
ANSWERED ON – 24.07.2023**

**Academic Abilities**

663. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has funded/ sponsored any surveys to gather data on children's reading, learning and arithmetic abilities post Covid-19;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed differences in private and Government schools in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) The Government of India has been implementing a rolling programme of sample based National Achievement Survey (NAS) aimed at classes III, V, VIII and X with a cycle of period of three years. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been periodically conducting NAS since 2001. The objective of NAS is to evaluate children's progress and learning competencies as an indicator of the health of the education system, so as to take appropriate steps for remedial actions at different levels. The last round of NAS was conducted on 12.11.2021 and had assessed students in Language, Mathematics & Environmental Science for class 3 & 5; Language, Mathematics, Science & Social Science for class 8 and Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Science and English for class 10. About 34 lakh students of 1.18 lakh schools of 720 districts from both rural and urban areas were assessed from (a) Government Schools (Central Government and State Government) (b) Government Aided Schools; and (c) Private Unaided Schools. The findings of NAS 21 reflect the learning levels of the children, post COVID-19 pandemic.

Further, National, State and District report card of NAS 21 demonstrating the performance of students from each type of schools, including Government Schools (Central Government and State Government), Government Aided Schools and Private Unaided Schools have been released in public domain on 25.05.2023 at <http://nas.gov.in>