GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1785 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02nd March, 2020

Kendriya Vidyalayas

†1785 SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give shape of Kendriya Vidyalayas to Government schools to improve their quality of education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) & (b): The Central Government has taken several initiatives to improve the quality of education of Government Schools in the country.

• Under Samagra Shiksha, which is an integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education launched in 2018-19, funds are given to all States and UTs for strengthening of infrastructure and provision of other facilities in schools to ensure that all schools meet the prescribed norms, besides other interventions to improve the quality of education such as training of in-service teachers, headmasters and principals, remedial teaching for academically weaker students, provision of library grants to schools, ICT and digital initiatives, strengthening of teacher education institutions, Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan, Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat, etc.

• In order to focus on ensuring competencies, the Central rules to the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 have been amended to include reference on classwise, subject-wise Learning Outcomes, which have, accordingly, been finalized and shared with all States and UTs.

• The online D.El.Ed. course was started from 3rd October, 2017 and 9,58,513 teachers have successfully completed the training. Regulations for a four year B.Ed integrated course, to bring about qualitative improvement in teacher education, have been published in official gazette on 29th March, 2019 and applications have been invited w.e.f. 3rd June, 2019.

• MHRD has designed a 70 indicators based matrix called **Performance Grading Index** (**PGI**) to grade the States and UTs and encourage them to take steps for improvement.

• In 2019-20, approval has been given for **NISHTHA** (**National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement**), an Integrated Teacher Training Programme to train 42 lakh teachers, and other functionaries at the elementary level to make classrooms learner-friendly and improving children's competencies.
