

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1822
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2020

Sustainable Development Goals in Education

1822. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

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

- (a) whether the Minister of Human Resource Development has met with the Director-General UNESCO in the recent past and if so, the details of issues raised by the Government during the discussion;
- (b) the details of the goals set up by the Government for Sustainable Development of the educational sector in the country;
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to achieve goals so far;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to promote international education system in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the schemes so far prepared/implemented in this regard ?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, Sir. I met Director- General UNESCO on 4th February, 2020 during her visit to India from 4-7 February, 2020. The issues discussed relating to education for girls and their increasing participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), vocational education, teacher training, education for the weaker and marginalized sections of society and those relating to differently-abled.

(b): The details of the goals set up by the Government for Sustainable Development of the educational sector in the country are at page 11 of the report "SDGs-National Indicator Framework" available under the link

http://mospi.nic.in/sites/default/files/National_Indicator_Framework_6nov18.pdf

(c): The Government of India has taken various steps to achieve the goals and improving the quality of education. The Samagra Shiksha, an integral scheme for School Education as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented throughout the country with effect from the year 2018-19 extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.

To achieve the goal of quality in higher education, Government have initiated various schemes namely, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Impacting Research, Innovation & Technology (IMPRINT), Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP), Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission of Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT), Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), National Digital Library, campus connect programme, Uchhatar Avishkar Abhiyan, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Impactful Research in Social Sciences (IMPRESS), Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA), National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).

d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The Government promotes international education through various schemes like 'STUDY IN INDIA (SII)', 'Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Culture (SPARC)' and 'Global Initiative of Academic Network (GIAN)', etc. SII aims to attract foreign students to pursue higher education in India thereby improving the global reputation and ranking of Indian institutions. Key activities under SII are providing scholarships to international students, funding institutions to build international facilities like hostels, promoting and brand building India as a study destination, arranging alumni meets, seminars and other workshops for international students etc. The aim of SPARC is to improve research ecosystem of India's higher educational institutions by facilitating academic and research collaborations between Indian institutions and the best institutions in the world. Further, the objective of GIAN is to increase the footfalls of reputed international faculty in the Indian academic institutes, provide opportunity to our faculty to learn and share knowledge and teaching skills in cutting edge areas and to provide opportunity to our students to seek knowledge and experience from reputed International faculty.
