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MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 200
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020

NISHTHA Programme

200. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancements (NISHTHA) for providing training to 42 lakh teachers across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has also included the teachers working in schools under State Boards in NISHTHA and if so, the details thereof and the actual financial allocation proposed by the Government for this purpose;
- (c) whether NISHTHA covers the entire teaching workforce at the elementary level and if not, the basis on which 42 lakh teachers were chosen for the programme;
- (d) the criteria for identification of the key resource persons;
- (e) whether translations of the modules available online into vernacular languages is being done and if so, the timeline for completion of the same along with the methods proposed for promotion of experimental and joyful learning; and
- (f) whether there is a timeline for SRG training in each State and Union Territory and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (f): Yes, Sir. The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched a National Mission to improve learning outcomes at the Elementary level through an Integrated Teacher Training Programme called NISHTHA – National Initiative for School Heads’ and Teachers’ Holistic Advancement under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha in August 2019. This integrated programme aims to build the capacities of around 42 lakh participants covering all teachers and Heads of Schools at the elementary level in all

Government schools, faculty members of State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs), District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) as well as officials and Resource Persons from Block Resource Centres (BRCs) and Cluster Resource Centres (CRCs) in all States and UTs. The total estimated cost of NISHTHA training is around Rs. 1118.70 Crores. The Key Resource Persons are identified by the respective State and Union Territory Government. The English and Hindi version of all the modules are available on the website of NCERT (nishtha.ncert.gov.in). The modules of NISHTHA are activity based including educational games and quizzes, socio-emotional learning, motivational interaction, team building, thus focus on experiential and joyful learning with the aim to empower teachers to work with creativity. All the States and UTs have been requested for translation of all the modules in regional languages as also to implement the NISHTHA training programme in a time bound manner.
