

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3495
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020**

DHRUV Programme

†3495. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

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

(a) whether the Government has recently started Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme-DHRUV;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main aims and objectives of the said programme; and

(d) whether any guidelines has been issued in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (d) The Government has launched the Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme- 'DHRUV' to mentor and nurture talented children to enrich their skills and knowledge so that they can realise their full potential and contribute to society. The programme was launched on 10th October, 2019 at ISRO, Bengaluru with active participation of State Governments.

Selection of 30 students of Science group and 30 students of Performing Arts group has been made by an Advisory Committee headed by the Principal Scientific Advisor in consultation with the Department of Science and Technology, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT), Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) and Sangeet Natak Akademi, Ministry of Culture.

During the 14 days programme, structured activities were carried out for students of Performing Arts group at National Bal Bhavan, New Delhi and for students of Science group at IIT-Delhi and during evenings, combined activities for both groups were organised. The students were mentored and nurtured by renowned mentors from IIT- Delhi, Atal Innovation Mission, NCERT, CCRT etc.
