

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2120
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH MARCH, 2021**

**“National Initiative for School Heads ‘Teachers’ Holistic Advancement
(NISHTHA) Programme.**

†2120. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the **Minister of Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Initiative for School Heads’ Teachers’ Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) was started under the centrally sponsored scheme of Holistic Education and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the names of districts of Gujarat which were included or are being included under the said scheme; and
- (c) whether ‘NISHTHA’ has been or likely to be implemented in the tribal areas of Gujarat also and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL ‘NISHANK’)**

(a) to (c): The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched a National Mission to improve learning outcomes at the Elementary level through an Integrated face-to-face 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. Till 31st March 2020, 23000 Key Resource Persons and around 17 lakh elementary teachers were trained across states and UTs in face to face mode.

However, due to COVID-19 challenges and in order to provide continuous learning opportunities to the teachers at the elementary level, this Department has launched NISHTHA online using DIKSHA platform in October 2020 to reach out to elementary teachers and its further extension to all as well.

All districts of Gujarat including tribal districts are covered under the NISHTHA scheme.
