

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3027
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021**

DHRUV Programme

3027. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated the Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme-DHRUV last year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the major aims and objectives of the programme and whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the State Governments have been consulted in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
EDUCATION MINISTER
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

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

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.
