

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3116
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021**

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

†3116. SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan has been implemented;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the basis on which villages are included under this scheme;
- (d) whether the villages of Gujarat have been included under this scheme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) is a flagship programme of the Ministry of Education which aims to link the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with set of at least five villages, in which these institutions can contribute to the economic and social betterment of villagers by using their knowledge base. It also aims to create a virtuous cycle between the society and an inclusive university system, with the latter providing knowledge base; practices for emerging livelihoods and to upgrade the capabilities of both the public and private sectors. Under the Scheme, at present 2778 Participating Institutions have adopted 13,940 villages across the country. There are 13 Subject Expert Groups formed to provide subject specific technology based solutions and 45 Regional Coordinating Institutes to ensure the region specific management of the Participating Institutes.
- (c) : Interested Participating Institute selects the villages that are nearby the vicinity so as to ensure ease in implementation of scheme objectives.
- (d) to (f): Yes, Sir. 454 villages are adopted in the state of Gujarat under the Scheme. The detail of the villages adopted is available at the link:

https://unnatbharatabhiyan.gov.in:8443/participating_institutes
