

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4148
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021**

Programme for International Student Assessment

4148. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

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

- (a) whether India participates in the Programme for International Student Assessment and the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study; and
- (b) whether there is an alternative mechanism for comparing India's academic standing in comparison to other countries;
- (c) whether the Government proposes on collecting data regarding the gender gaps existing in achievements within the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)?

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

(a) The Government of India has decided to participate in the Programme for International Students Assessment (PISA) 2022 to be conducted by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). PISA is a triennial international survey that aims to evaluate education systems worldwide by testing the skills and knowledge of 15 year old students in Mathematics, Science and Reading. The schools in Union Territory of Chandigarh, as well as the Kendriya Vidyalaya (KVs) and Navodaya Vidyalaya (NVs) school systems would participate in the PISA 2022.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Department of Science and Technology is supporting projects on data collection in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Recently, DST has published a report "Research & Development Statistics at a Glance-2019-20" which also includes gender gaps existing in achievements within the fields of STEM.
