

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 14
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021

PRABANDH PORTAL

14. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

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

(a) whether the Government has launched PRABANDH portal to compile data of out-of-school children in the age group of 6-14 years and those belonging to socially and economically disadvantaged group;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has planned to provide financial assistance for the first time in the current session 2021-22 for out of school children in 16-18 years of age group to continue their education through open/ distance learning mode;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has any plan to ensure continuation of education of orphaned children during COVID pandemic;

(f) if so, the steps being taken in this regard; and

(g) whether the Government has cancelled 12th Board Exams for 2021 amidst Covid-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof including proposed evaluation criteria?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Yes. This Department has developed an online module for compiling the data of Out of School Children (OoSC) identified by each State/UT and their mapping with Special Training Centres (STC) on the PRABANDH Portal (<http://samagrashiksha.in>). The concerned State/UT validates the child wise information of the identified OoSC and STC uploaded by the concerned Block Resource Centre of the State for monitoring the progress of mainstreaming of OoSC.

(c) & (d): Under Samagra Shiksha, for the first time in 2021-22, financial assistance upto Rs. 2000 per annum has been envisioned for supporting Out of School Children of age group of 16-19 for completing their education through NIOS/SIOS, for accessing course materials and certification.

(e) & (f): This Department and Ministry of Women & Child Development have issued a joint D.O. letter No. 13-10/2021-IS-11 dated 16.06.2021 to facilitate education for children orphaned due to COVID-19 by bringing them under the fold of the various schemes run by Department of School Education & Literacy, and outlining the role of teachers, District Education Officers and Child Welfare Committees.

(g): Yes. The Evaluation criteria is available at the website of CBSE. The link for the same is <https://www.cbse.gov.in/cbsenew/documents/Tabulation%20Policy%20Class%20XII%202021.pdf>.
