

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2233  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

**Teacher Training**

2233. DR. AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:  
SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken initiatives for teacher training and orientations for online and remote learning;
- (b) if so, the details of the same including funds disbursed till date, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the need to reform the National Education Policy, 2020 to reflect the realities of online and remote education;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ;
- (e) whether the Government has formulated any directives to restructure assessment for students through the virtual medium; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**A N S W E R  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (d): The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched a National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA)- a capacity building programme for "Improving Quality of School Education through Integrated Teacher Training". It aims to build competencies of all the teachers and school principals at the elementary stage. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, NISHTHA at the elementary level was started online on the DIKSHA platform from October 2020 by the NCERT. NISHTHA will be conducted for secondary/senior secondary teachers and on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy for Primary Teachers in 2021-22.

During the year 2020-21, an amount of Rs. 5636.38 lakh has been sanctioned for NISHTHA online.

The New Education Policy (NEP)-2020 envisages online dissemination of educational needs in remote areas as well. It can be accessed at [https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload\\_files/mhrd/files/NEP\\_Final\\_English\\_0.pdf](https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/NEP_Final_English_0.pdf).

(e) & (f): Government has issued PRAGYATA guidelines for Digital Education for students, which can be accessed on the following link: [https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload\\_files/mhrd/files/pragyata-guidelines\\_0.pdf](https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/pragyata-guidelines_0.pdf).