

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3323  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

**PM Innovative Learning Programme**

†3323. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION  
be pleased to state:

- (a) the areas in which the talents of children are being surveyed under the PradhanMantri Innovative Learning Programme;
- (b) the number of children selected so far under the said programme;
- (c) the class up to which the said programme has proven beneficial and the proposal of the Government to include more areas under this programme;
- (d) the criteria for the selection of children under the said programme; and
- (e) the details of the duration and the activities covered under this programme?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (e) The PradhanMantri Innovative Learning Programme- 'DHRUV' was launched by Government on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 realize their full potential and contribute to society. Under this Programme 30 students of Science group and 30 students of Performing Arts group have been selected from class 9 to 12.

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 SangeetNatakAkademi, Ministry of Culture.

During the 14 days programme, structured activities were carried out for students of Performing Arts group at National BalBhavan, New Delhi and for students of Science group at IIT-Delhi and during evenings, combined activities for both groups were organized. The students were mentored and nurtured by renowned mentors from IIT- Delhi, Atal Innovation Mission, NCERT, CCRT etc.

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