

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3377
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th AUGUST, 2021**

Education for all Citizens

3377. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has consulted with stakeholders or civil society during the course of pandemic period to identify issues faced by underprivileged students;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to solve these issues;

(c) the details of different schemes to promote education in the country, funds allocated and utilised and number of beneficiaries, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure access to education for all citizens?

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

(a) & (b): During COVID-19 Pandemic, Government of India has held various consultations with the States and UTs at different levels. Also, a brain storming session was held with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in January, 2021 for taking their views/ perspectives to assess and to bridge the learning gap in the Covid-19 pandemic period.

Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. However, to ensure that every student gets continued access to education, a multi-pronged

approach has been adopted. A comprehensive initiative called PM e-VIDYA has been initiated as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan on 17th May, 2020, which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education. The initiative includes:

- DIKSHA (one nation, one digital platform) is the nation's digital infrastructure for providing quality e-content for school education in states/UTs and QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades are available on it. 35 of the 36 states and UTs have on boarded on DIKSHA platform and contextualised the content as per the local need.
- One earmarked Swayam Prabha TV channel per class from Class 1 to 12 (one class, one channel).
- Extensive use of Radio, Community radio and CBSE Podcast- Shiksha Vani.
- Special e-content for visually and hearing impaired developed on Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and in sign language on NIOS website/ YouTube.

Besides, the Ministry has undertaken a proactive initiative, named, 'MANODARPAN' covering a wide range of activities to provide psychosocial support to students, teachers and families for Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing during the COVID outbreak and beyond.

The Central Government is constantly advising States/UTs through guidelines and meetings with respect to interventions for reducing impact of pandemic on education. The guidelines issued so far are given below:

S. No	Interventions	Links of Guideline
1.	Guidelines for Children of Migrant Labourers	https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Migrant%20labour%20guideline.pdf
2.	Guidelines for Out of School Children and Mitigation of Loss of Learning	https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/guidelines_oosc.pdf
3.	PRAGYATA Guidelines on Digital Education	https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/pragyata-guidelines_0.pdf

4.	Learning Enhancement Guidelines for Continuous Learning	https://ncert.nic.in/pdf/announcement/Learning_%20Enhancement_Guidelines.pdf
5.	Covid-19 Related Health and Safety Sop/Guidelines for School Re-Opening	https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/SOP_Guidelines_for_reopening_schools.pdf
6.	Covid Action Plan for School Education	https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Covid_Action_Plan.pdf
7.	Alternate Academic Calendar	Secondary- https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Academic%20Calender%20-%20Secondary%20-%20Eng.pdf Primary- https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Eight_Weeks_AAC_Primary_%28English%29%5B1%5D_0.pdf
8.	Guidelines for JNV – Residential Schools	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LAc4iKQTqTJkNVDGc5glEDsrDGdAXwC8/view
9.	Guidelines for parents on Home Based Education	https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/MoE_Home_Learning_Guidelines.pdf
10.	Guidelines for orphaned Children	In this regard, a joint DO letter No. 13-10/2021-IS-11 dated 16.06.2021 from Secretary DoSEL, MoE and Secretary, MWCD has been issued to all States and UTs.
11.	Guidelines for developing E-content for CWSN	https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/CWSN_E-Content_guidelines.pdf
12.	CBSE competency-based assessment framework	http://cbseacademic.nic.in/web_material/Manuals/Safal_handbook.pdf
13.	NCTE Guidelines for TEIs	https://ncte.gov.in/WebAdminFiles/RecentAnnouncement/0_20_08_2020_637335320672297662.pdf

(c) & (d): The details of the major schemes to promote education in the country implemented by the Government of India are as follows:

(I) **Samagra Shiksha:** The Government of India launched Samagra Shiksha-an Integrated Scheme for school education, w.e.f 2018-19, as an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII, which aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education, across the country including the rural areas. The scheme has now been aligned to NEP, 2020 recommendations and extended till 2025-26. The scheme provides support to States and UTs for strengthening of infrastructure in schools, universal access, bringing gender equality, promoting inclusive education, quality of education, financial support for teachers' salary, digital initiatives, entitlements under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 including uniforms and textbooks, pre-school education, vocational education, sports and physical education and strengthening of teacher education institutions.

The number of beneficiaries, details of funds allocated and utilised, State-wise, during last year 2020-21 under the Scheme is at **Annexure-I**.

(II) **Mid-Day-Meal (MDM):** Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) is an on-going Centrally-Sponsored Scheme which provides nutritional supplement to all school children studying in Classes I-VIII of Government, Government-Aided schools, Special Training Centres including Madarasas and Maqtabas.

The State-wise details of funds released under the Scheme during 2020-21 is given at **Annexure-II**. The number of beneficiaries under the scheme are included in Annexure-I.

(III) **Padhna Likhna Abhiyan:** A centrally sponsored scheme of Adult Education namely, "Padhna Likhna Abhiyan (PLA)" was implemented during 2020-21 with a physical target of imparting functional literacy to 57 lakh adult illiterates in the age group of 15 and above under basic literacy programme. The scheme was extended upto 31.07.2021.

A statement indicating the number of beneficiaries and the central share released to States/ UTs, state-wise, under the scheme during 2020-21 is at **Annexure-III**.

(IV) **Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)**: Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) is an overarching scheme, operating in mission mode for funding the State Government Universities and colleges to achieve the aims of equity, access and excellence. The funding to states being made on the basis of critical appraisal of State Higher Education Plans, which describe each state's strategy to address issues of equity, access and excellence in higher education.

A statement indicating the central share released to States/UTs, state-wise under RUSA scheme during 2020-21 is at **Annexure-IV**.

Further, in order to improve the education standards in the country, the Government has taken several steps:-

1. Central RTE Rules have been amended on 20th February, 2017 to include reference on class-wise, subject-wise Learning Outcomes at Elementary level.
2. National Achievement Survey (NAS) is conducted to enable States/UTs to identify gaps in learning outcomes, and take remedial steps.
3. A 70 indicator based matrix Performance Grading Index (PGI) has been developed to grade the States/UTs.
4. NISHTHA (National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement), an Integrated Teacher Training Programme has been introduced.
5. Learning Outcomes for Secondary level have been notified.
6. The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) was entrusted to conduct teachers training through ODL (Open Distance Learning) mode, which has been completed by about 9.58 lakh teachers.

Also, **the National Education Policy, 2020** focuses on improving the standard of education through various measures such as introduction of New pedagogical and curricular structure, Early Childhood Care and Education, Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Transforming Assessment for Student Development, Experiential and Competency based Learning etc.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3377 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.21 ASKED BY SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN REGARDING EDUCATION FOR ALL CITIZENS

Number of Beneficiaries, central share allocated, funds utilised under Samagra Shiksha during 2020-21

Sr. No	States	No. of beneficiaries	Central Share Released	Utilization
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	50082	4037.43	4466.32
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	4272541	86975.09	108556.12
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	227225	33964.52	28533.15
4	ASSAM	5249793	159429.09	189295.95
5	BIHAR	19766100	282822.81	518977.57
6	CHANDIGARH	153416	7115.42	8680.96
7	CHHATTISGARH	4242079	35068.41	106813.12
8	DNH & D&D	89265	3493.77	4190.87
9	DELHI	2528391	14926.44	36788.81
10	GOA	247604	1788.38	2718.32
11	GUJARAT	7287749	97632.80	179496.77
12	HARYANA	2133902	74570.72	122298.83
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	825468	49230.46	41213.38
14	JAMMU & KASHMIR	1196370	38557.43	118456.76
15	JHARKHAND	5045183	86561.21	144324.65
16	KARNATAKA	6824387	61010.01	88580.17
17	KERALA	4138992	23838.59	43630.97
18	LADAKH	23997	5806.39	2042.92
19	LAKSHADWEEP	11409	254.63	261.64
20	MADHYA PRADESH	9895226	246219.48	430851.72
21	MAHARASHTRA	16095633	63559.58	100541.69
22	MANIPUR	219680	32364.84	32954.52
23	MEGHALAYA	712111	28355.68	40517.59
24	MIZORAM	140283	18855.02	18739.32
25	NAGALAND	134179	21347.11	17667.02
26	ODISHA	6082181	130145.67	276836.93
27	PUDUCHERRY	102776	972.44	2326.10
28	PUNJAB	2596753	53143.13	127385.30
29	RAJASTHAN	9223188	225943.67	425873.85
30	SIKKIM	87447	6451.72	9115.62
31	TAMIL NADU	6894818	162153.74	271492.84
32	TELANGANA	2933955	34807.36	105952.79
33	TRIPURA	587087	40371.19	31565.04
34	UTTAR PRADESH	21656102	457185.61	667843.10
35	UTTARAKHAND	1282800	54149.33	58187.33
36	WEST BENGAL	14893751	132743.02	191443.12
	Total	157851923	2775852.18	4558621.2

Annexure-II**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3377 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.21 ASKED BY SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN REGARDING EDUCATION FOR ALL CITIZENS****The State-wise details of the Central Assistance/funds released under the Mid-Day-Meal, during 2020-21****(Rs. In lakh)**

S.No.	States/UTs	2020-21
		Central Assistance/ Funds Released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	37510.17
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2917.87
3.	Assam	75703.77
4.	Bihar	139248.01
5.	Chhattisgarh	38080.87
6.	Goa	1709.34
7.	Gujarat	52871.83
8.	Haryana	15572.73
9.	Himachal Pradesh	10500.11
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	15960.26
11.	Jharkhand	35203.74
12.	Karnataka	51553.53
13.	Kerala	27688.82
14.	Madhya Pradesh	82754.74
15.	Maharashtra	100250.03
16.	Manipur	3900.45
17.	Meghalaya	8733.94
18.	Mizoram	2313.45
19.	Nagaland	2744.38
20.	Odisha	58301.22
21.	Punjab	21769.15
22.	Rajasthan	71100.05
23.	Sikkim	840.58
24.	Tamil Nadu	49221.67
25.	Telangana	4524.22
26.	Tripura	6220.56
27.	Uttarakhand	13024.30
28.	Uttar Pradesh	207166.14
29.	West Bengal	134330.72
30.	A&N Island	648.71
31.	Chandigarh	1338.56
32.	D&N Haveli	1307.94
33.	Daman & Diu	
34.	Delhi	11297.29
35.	Lakshadweep	32.62
36.	Ladakh	555.79
37.	Puducherry	503.45
TOTAL		1287401.01

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Number of beneficiaries and Central Share Released under Padhna Likhna Abhiyan Scheme

S. No.	Name of States/UTs	Target Number of Learners	Total Amount Released
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	30,000	94,50,000
2	Andhra Pradesh	3,20,000	4,44,60,000
3	Arunachal Pradesh	44,000	1,13,38,000
4	Assam	1,50,000	3,26,25,000
5	Bihar	4,20,000	5,78,00,000
6	Chandigarh	30,000	95,00,000
7	Chhattisgarh	2,50,000	3,51,00,000
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	40,000	1,16,50,000
9	Goa	44,000	0
10	Gujarat	1,50,000	2,17,80,000
11	Haryana	1,00,000	1,50,60,000
12	Himachal Pradesh	1,00,000	2,25,90,000
13	Jammu & Kashmir	40,000	1,05,30,000
14	Jharkhand	2,00,000	2,84,00,000
15	Karnataka	3,20,000	4,44,60,000
16	Kerala	2,00,000	2,84,23,200
17	Ladakh	10,000	51,00,000
18	Lakshadweep	2,000	32,06,000
19	Madhya Pradesh	3,20,000	4,45,00,000
20	Maharashtra	3,20,000	0
21	Manipur	44,000	1,13,40,000
22	Meghalaya	44,000	1,13,40,000
23	Mizoram	30,000	85,49,000
24	Nagaland	44,000	1,13,40,000
25	NCT of Delhi	20,000	43,80,000
26	Odisha	2,00,000	2,84,00,000
27	Puducherry	44,000	75,56,880
28	Punjab	40,000	70,20,000
29	Rajasthan	4,20,000	5,78,28,000
30	Sikkim	10,000	45,90,000
31	Tamil Nadu	3,10,000	4,31,40,000
32	Telangana	2,20,000	3,10,79,760
33	Tripura	44,000	1,13,40,000
34	Uttar Pradesh	4,20,000	5,78,00,000
35	Uttarakhand	2,00,000	4,26,00,000
36	West Bengal	5,20,000	0
	Total	57,00,000	77,42,75,840

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State-wise detail of the fund releases under RUSA Scheme in the year 2020-21

(Rs. in Crores)

S.No	Name of State/UT	2020-21
1	Andhra Pradesh	34.11
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00
3	Assam	0.00
4	Bihar	0.00
5	Chhattisgarh	0.00
6	Goa	0.00
7	Gujarat	5.66
8	Haryana	0.00
9	Himachal Pradesh	0.90
10	Jammu & Kashmir	4.92
11	Jharkhand	12.42
12	Karnataka	0.00
13	Kerala	0.00
14	Madhya Pradesh	0.00
15	Maharashtra	0.00
16	Manipur	18.95
17	Meghalaya	5.85
18	Mizoram	10.0307
19	Nagaland	0.00
20	Odisha	5.04
21	Punjab	0.00
22	Rajasthan	12.30
23	Sikkim	0.44
24	Tamil Nadu	0.00
25	Telangana	14.47
26	Tripura	0.00
27	Uttar Pradesh	17.36
28	Uttarakhand	2.20
29	West Bengal	8.28
30	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.00
31	Chandigarh	11.00
32	Delhi	0.00
33	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.00
34	Daman and Diu	0.00
35	Puducherry	0.00
36	Ladakh	0.00
	Total	163.9307

