

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 101
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021**

Funds for Schools

101. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government agrees with the view that along with physical or infrastructural investments, schools must allocate dedicated resources and adopt to train the trainer approach to make the learning lasting;
- (b) if so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c): Samagra Shiksha is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education. The Integrated Scheme launched in 2018-19, envisages the 'school' as a continuum from pre-school, primary, upper primary, secondary to senior secondary levels. The scheme not only provides support for the implementation of the RTE Act but has also been aligned with the recommendations of NEP 2020 to ensure that all children have access to quality education with an equitable and inclusive classroom environment which should take care of their diverse background, multilingual needs, different academic abilities and make them active participants in the learning process.

The following major steps have been taken by the Government to improve quality of education:-

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. A 70 indicator based matrix Performance Grading Index (PGI) has been developed to grade the States and UTs.
3. National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat) has been launched for ensuring that every child in the country necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) by the end of Grade 3.
4. Codification of Learning Outcomes has been developed for the foundational stage.
5. Learning Outcomes for Secondary level have been notified.
6. An initiative has been launched to improve learning outcomes at the Elementary level through an Integrated Teacher Training Programme called NISHTHA under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha in August 2019. The aim of this training is to motivate and equip teachers to encourage and foster critical thinking in students, handle diverse situations and act as first level counsellors.

Due to the COVID pandemic and in order to provide continuous learning opportunities to the teachers at the elementary level, NISHTHA online was launched using DIKSHA platform in October 2020 to reach out to the remaining elementary teachers. NISHTHA online for elementary teachers covers 18 courses in 11 languages. Teachers were oriented on various aspects related to Learning Outcomes, Competency Based Learning and Testing, Learner-centered Pedagogy, School Safety and Security, Personal-social qualities, Inclusive Education, ICT in teaching-learning including Artificial Intelligence, Health and well-being including yoga, new Initiatives in School Education including library, eco club, youth club, kitchen garden, School Leadership qualities, Environmental Concerns, Pre-school, Pre-vocational Education and School Based Assessment in a joyful learning manner.

7. NISHTHA 2.0 for Secondary/Senior Secondary level teachers with 66 modules was launched on 29th July 2021.
8. NISHTHA 3.0 on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy with 12 modules for Primary level teachers was launched on 7th September 2021.

9. Support is provided under Samagra Shiksha for improvement of quality of education for various interventions such as (i) Universal Access including Infrastructure Development and Retention; (ii) Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, (iii) Gender and Equity; (iv) Inclusive Education; (v) Quality and Innovation; (vi) Financial support for Teacher Salary; (vii) Digital initiatives; (viii) RTE Entitlements including uniforms, textbooks etc.; (ix) Support for ECCE; (x) Vocational Education; (xi) Sports and Physical Education; (xii) Strengthening of Teacher Education and Training; (xiii) Monitoring; (xiv) Programme Management; and (xv) National Component.
