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LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1330

TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021

**School Innovation Ambassador Training Programme**

**1330 SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:  
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:  
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently launched a 'School Innovation Ambassador Training Program' for 50,000 school teachers across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives and salient features of the said programme;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to integrate Eklavya Schools to this programme to develop capacity- building, creativity, critical thinking and communications among the tribal students and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is working in coordination with the Central Board of Secondary Education(CBSE) and AICTE to nurture the innovative capabilities of the tribal students and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has released any fund for the implementation of said training program and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
**(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) and (b): Yes Sir, The School Innovation Ambassador Training Program (SIATP) was launched by Ministry of Education through CBSE, AICTE and Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) in collaboration with Ministry of Tribal Affairs for training teachers of its affiliated schools.

It was launched by Hon'ble Education Minister and Hon'ble Union Tribal Affairs Minister on 16th July 2021.

**Aim:** To train 50,000 school teachers across the country.

In order to strengthen the mentoring capacity of teachers for nurturing and handholding innovative and creative ideas from students, SIATP was launched through online mode. The teachers shall be trained on the following five modules:

- i. Design Thinking & Innovation
- ii. Idea generation & Idea hand-holding
- iii. Intellectual Property Rights
- iv. Entrepreneurship & Product / Prototype Development
- v. Finance, HR and Sales

**Objective:**

- i. To create a culture of innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship in schools.
- ii. Preparing teachers to handhold the ideas and innovative thoughts from students.
- iii. Creating the in-house pool of mentors in schools to mentor the students.
- iv. Creating awareness on innovation and start-ups among the students and faculties.
- v. Prepare teachers to conduct idea competitions, hackathons and enable them to act as an evaluator for Idea Competitions conducted for students.
- vi. Create the foundation and capable human resource for School Innovation Council (SIC), a council of teachers, students and experts from industry and academia to conduct round the year activities for students and teachers on Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

**Salient features:**

- i. The entire five module training is free of cost for all the teachers.
- ii. The schools have to nominate five eligible teachers from their schools for this training program.
- iii. The five module training is of 72 hours' duration.
- iv. The entire training is in online mode.
- v. The teachers will receive the badge of Innovation Ambassador and a training completion certificate.

(c) The program aims to integrate all the Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs along with all CBSE affiliated schools.

(d) Yes, through School Innovation Ambassador Training Program (SIATP) and School Innovation Council (SIC), CBSE and AICTE aim at building and nurturing the innovative, creative and entrepreneurial mindset in tribal students in Eklavya Schools. Under SIATP, so far, 124 Eklavya Schools have registered for the training.

(e) No separate funds were allocated for implementing this program. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) with its training partners from the industry and academia on pro-bono basis. MIC and AICTE have extended their existing resources for the implementation of this program.

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