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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2351
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021

Young and Budding Authors

†2351. **SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):**
SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:
SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana to train young and budding authors (below 30 years of age) in order to promote heritage, culture and education system of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said scheme;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan under the said scheme to translate the literature from one language to another Indian language in view of “Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat” so as to ensure the exchange of literature and culture ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir, As per the announcement of the Prime Minister in the ‘Mann ki Baat’ Talk on 31st January 2021, the ‘Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors’ (YUVA) scheme, a mentorship programme to train young authors, was launched by the Ministry of Education on 29th May 2021 as part of the “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” programme.
- (b) The launch of PM-YUVA is in tune with the vision to encourage young writers to write about India's freedom struggle. In the scheme, the young generation authors write about freedom fighters, incidents associated with freedom, the saga of valour during the period of

freedom struggle in their respective areas - as the best tribute to the heroes of India's freedom - as we celebrate 75 years of Indian Independence.

The scheme is aimed at training 75 aspiring writers below 30 years, who are ready to express themselves and project India and its culture and literature globally. A consolidated scholarship of Rs 50,000 per month for a period of six months per author will be paid under the mentorship scheme in addition to being mentored by eminent authors.

- (c) & (d) The first edition of the 75 books selected under PM-YUVA Scheme will be published in their original language only. The books will be translated into other languages on case-to-case basis after publication of first edition, ensuring the exchange of culture and literature, thereby promoting '**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**'.
