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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3596 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021

Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started to restructure the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in alignment with New Education Policy-2020;

(b) if so, where this restructured project framework and norms could be accessed in the public domain;

(c) the details of the consultation process followed for the same; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the new framework is fully implemented?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Samagra Shiksha scheme has 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 scheme has been continued for a period of five years with effect from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2026.

For continuation of the Samagra Shiksha scheme, a series of consultations were held with States and UTs, Line Ministries, autonomous bodies and suggestions/ observations were sought in exploring areas of modification, revisions in programmatic and revisions in financial norms and addition of interventions. The restructured/ redesigned programmatic and financial norms of the revised Samagra Shiksha scheme have been shared with all the Stakeholders. A brief note on the redesigned Samagra Shiksha is available at https://samagra.education.gov.in/docs/samagra_shiksha.pdf .

The Scheme is implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme through a single State Implementation Society (SIS) at the State level.

The scheme also has an inbuilt comprehensive monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure optimum implementation of interventions, which, inter-alia, includes, Performance Grading Index (PGI), Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE+), PRoject Appraisal, Budgeting Achievements and Data Handling System (PRABANDH), National Achievement Surveys (NAS), Audit Mechanism, Comprehensive Review Mission (CRM), Social Audit, Third Party Monitoring through Monitoring Institutes and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

The Samagra Shiksha Manual on Financial Management and Procurement contains detailed procedures on fund flow arrangements, accounting, financial reporting, internal control and audit, external audit, procurement procedures, etc. Annual Reports of the State Implementing Societies for implementation of the scheme at State / UT level are also laid on the Table of the Parliament every year.

Further, the Ministry of Education convenes periodic meetings with State Education Ministers and Secretaries to review the programme implementation.
