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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4062 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2022

Reorganization of Curriculum

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning for reorganization of the curriculum to help children learn language and mathematics in particular, and support their socio-emotional development, especially in early grades;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the reasons for spending so little on teacher training despite the fact that teachers are center of the quality education?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in para 23.6 (Chapter 23) has mentioned the promotion of regional language and development of E-content by all States in all regional languages. Also, NEP 2020 in para 4.23 has mentioned the introduction of mathematics and computational thinking in curriculum throughout the school years to impart computational thinking among students.

The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education has approved the formation of the National Steering Committee of 12 members headed by NEP drafting committee Chairperson Shri K Kasturirangan for the development of National Curriculum Frameworks based on National Education Policy, 2020. The terms of reference and other details of the committee are available at the given link: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=1756800

(d) The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched an initiative to improve learning outcomes at the Elementary level through an Integrated Teacher

Training Programme called NISHTHA – National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement 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.

In view of the ongoing COVID pandemic and in order to provide continuous learning opportunities to the teachers at the elementary level, this Department had launched NISHTHA online using DIKSHA platform in October 2020 to reach out to elementary teachers and its further extension to all as well.

For 2021-22, a total fund of Rs. 39028.69 lakh was approved for NISHTHA for Foundational years (NISHTHA 3.0) and secondary level teachers (NISHTHA 2.0).
