

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5281
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022**

Data Regarding Talented Students

5281. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state

- (a) whether the Government maintains a database of gifted and talented students in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) whether the Government is currently running any programmes or schemes for these students to reach their full potential and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c) The Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme- 'DHRUV' was launched by Government on 10th October, 2019 at ISRO, Bengaluru with active participation & consultation of State Governments to mentor and nurture talented children to enrich their skills and knowledge so that they can realize their full potential and contribute to society. Under this Programme students of Science group and of Performing Arts group were selected from class 9 to 12 by an Advisory Committee headed by the Principal Scientific Advisor in consultation with the Department of Science and Technology, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT), Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) and Sangeet Natak Akademi, Ministry of Culture.

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