

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1303
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th July, 2022**

Learning loss Due to Pandemic

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of the Government to compensate the learning loss of children on opening the schools and get children back in person for learning; and

(b) if so, the details of the policy to regulate the children from online to fully offline mode of education?

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

(a) and (b): Due to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, schools in States and Union Territories (UT) were closed as a precautionary measure to protect the students. This has interrupted the learning of students from pre-school to grade 12. During the pandemic, the Ministry of Education has held several consultations with the States and UTs to assess the various aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following initiatives have been taken by the Government of India to compensate learning loss of children:

- To address the gaps and/or loss of learning among students, during and after the lockdown, National Council of Education Research & Training (NCERT) has prepared 'Alternative Academic Calendar', which is a week-wise learning plan for grades 1 to 12. It consists of interesting activities and challenges related to topics/themes in the syllabus. It maps the topics/themes with the learning outcomes & facilitates teachers/parents to assess the progress in

students' learning in a variety of ways. Also links for e-resources have been provided for those learners who have access to the internet. NCERT has also developed bridge course modules for out-of-school children including various activities which are helpful for mitigating the learning loss and the States/UTs have also been requested to prepare and implement School Readiness Module/Bridge Course in classrooms for initial one or two months for each grade.

- National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat) has been launched under Samagra Shiksha on 5th July 2021, for ensuring that every child in the country necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) by the end of Grade 3. The goals and objectives of the mission are required to be achieved by all Govt., Govt. Aided and Private Schools so that universal acquisition of FLN skills can be achieved.
- A 3-month Play Based 'School Preparation Module' named 'Vidya Pravesh' has been developed, and launched on 29th July, 2021. This can be adapted or adopted by States and UTs as per their need. The module is essentially around 12 weeks of developmentally appropriate instruction for the children entering of Grade I to bolster a child's pre-literacy, pre-numeracy, cognitive and social skills.
- The Government of India has been implementing a programme of sample based National Achievement Survey (NAS) aimed at classes III, V, VIII and X with a cycle period of three years. The last round of NAS was held on November 12, 2021 across India including UTs of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep covering students of grades 3, 5, 8 and 10. The aim and objective of NAS is to evaluate children's progress and learning competencies as an indicator of the health of the education system, so as to take appropriate steps for remedial actions at different levels. National, State/UT and District Reports for NAS 2021 have been released on 25.05.2022 and are available at <http://nas.gov.in>.
- To mitigate the learning loss and to ensure continuity of education, this Department has shared a comprehensive Learning Recovery Plan with all the states and Union Territories on 01.02.2022 describing the actions/ activities to

be undertaken by all the stakeholders, indicative annual calendar of activities, existing interventions which can be utilized and additional support with funds as a one-time measure. The weblink for the same is https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/lpr_2023.pdf.

- A Standard Operating Procedure/ Guidelines for reopening of School has been released by the Ministry of Education in the light of subsequent guidelines of MHA and MoHFW from time to time regarding opening up of various activities, the SOP contains preventive measures to spread of Covid-19 and the extensive vaccination coverage of people above the age of 18 years including teaching and non-teaching staff working in schools/education institutions. The guidelines have been prepared after consultation with states about the reopening of schools. These guidelines contain all SoP for attending classes. The weblink for the same is [https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Modifications SoP.pdf](https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Modifications_SoP.pdf).
