

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2443
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022**

Career Counselling

2443. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government conducts career guidance sessions for students from higher secondary schools and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is a centralized portal or web/ mobile application with details of scholarships and grants for students studying in Government schools and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government plans to introduce the same; and
- (d) whether there are any academic collaborations with foreign Universities that can benefit students studying in Government schools and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) The NEP 2020 provides for career guidance / counseling at school level with a view to achieving a multitude of objectives such as curtailing dropout rates and ensuring universal access to education at all levels, supporting and encouraging students from socio-economically disadvantaged background to make a successful transition to higher education as also transforming the quality and quantity of research in the country by identifying student interests and talents. Central government schools namely Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas under the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, conduct career counselling sessions for the students of classes IX to XII.

(b)& (c) :The National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) is on-boarded on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) from the year 2018-19. The NMMSS guidelines are available on the websites of NSP and of Ministry of Education (Department of School Education and Literacy).

(d) Selected students of Kendriya Vidyalayas participate in 'Sakura Exchange Programme' with the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) through Ministry of Education.
