

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3642  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022**

**Education Standards in Primary and Middle Schools**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the educational standards of students in middle schools and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is likely to take cognizance of the report according to which the students in primary and middle schools are weak in studies and are unable to answer the questions of grades lower than theirs; and
- (c) if so, whether the Government is likely to take any corrective steps at the Central level in view of the need to improve the teaching and training standards of classes up to middle schools in the country?

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

(a) & (b): 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 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>.

Ministry of Education has organized workshops on Post-NAS interventions with all the States/UTs including a National Workshop on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 to collaborate & support activities in the States/UTs to improve the achievement of learning outcomes across classes.

(c) A National Mission 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 was launched on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019.

The aim of this integrated teacher training programme was to build the capacities of around 42 lakh elementary teachers and Heads of Schools, faculty members of SCERTs and DIETs and Block Resource Coordinators and Cluster Resource Coordinators. In view of the COVID pandemic, ‘NISHTHA-Online’ was launched on 06th October, 2020 and the remaining training of NISHTHA at elementary level was conducted online by the NCERT on the DIKSHA platform using high quality professionally made e-content.

In 2021-22, NISHTHA has been extended to Foundational Literacy and Numeracy and secondary level, for Pre-primary, Primary and Secondary level teachers with a focus on improvement in quality of teachers and learning outcomes of students.

NISHTHA 2.0 (Secondary Level) –online on DIKSHA for secondary/senior secondary level teachers was launched on 29th July, 2021. The training programme aims to cover around 10 Lakh Teacher and School Heads at Secondary Level across all States and UTs. NCERT has developed a package including 13 Online Courses with 12 Generic modules and 56 subject specific modules for NISHTHA 2.0

NISHTHA 3.0- Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) in online mode on DIKSHA platform for teachers and school heads of pre-primary to class V was launched on 7th September, 2021. The NISHTHA 3.0 – FLN envisions covering nearly 25 Lakh Teacher and School Heads at Pre-Primary and Primary Level across all states and UTs. A special package consisting of 12 online modules has been developed by NCERT for this purpose, as per the objectives of NIPUN Bharat Mission.

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