

first time under Samagra Shiksha. An allocation of ₹ 113.49 lakh has been made for library grant in 2018-19 for the state of Maharashtra.

For effective practical training of the students, the scheme provides for an integrated Science Laboratory for Secondary School and 4 science laboratories for Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics for Higher Secondary Schools. Further, scheme also provides the Laboratory/Workshop for vocational education and One Art/Craft/Culture laboratory as per requirement in Secondary/Higher Secondary Schools where there is no such facility.

The Scheme also provides annual school composite grant for all Government Schools for the replacement of non-functional school equipment and for incurring other recurring costs such as consumables for play materials, sports equipment, laboratories, electricity charges, internet, water, teaching aids etc. The amount of composite school grant varies from ₹ 25,000 to ₹ 1,00,000 per annum per School depending upon the number of students in the school.

Teachers' training schools/colleges

1686. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any commission to look over the deteriorating level of teachers education in the country; and

(b) the details of new teachers' training schools and colleges established by Government during the last three years across the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration at this stage. However, this Ministry is aware about the issues pertaining to teachers education in the country. In order to address these issues, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) had asked for requisite information as mentioned in its extant regulations from Teacher Education Institutes (TEIs) in the country through Affidavit/Show cause Notice/Mandatory Affidavit System. Show cause notices have been issued to the TEIs who have not filed these mandatory affidavits.

Further, a four year B.Ed integrated course to bring about qualitative improvement in teacher education programmes in India has been conceptualised and regulations for this course has been published in official gazette on 22nd November, 2018. The model curriculum prepared for this course includes crucial aspects like Gender, Inclusive education, ICT, Yoga, Global Citizenship Education (GCED) and Health

and Sanitation. The teaching specialization would primarily be for the primary levels and the secondary level.

Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MHRD) and the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) have developed a dedicated digital infrastructure for teachers, DIKSHA, with the aim to empower school teachers of the country with access to innovative tech-based solutions. DIKSHA is a unique initiative that leverages existing, highly scalable and flexible digital infrastructures, around the needs of teachers for effective teaching and administration.

Section 23(2) of The Right to Education Act, 2009 has been amended to extend the period of training of untrained in-service elementary teachers to 31st March, 2019. All untrained in-service elementary teachers are required to acquire minimum qualifications as laid down by the academic authority by 31st March, 2019. The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has been entrusted with the task of conducting the training of untrained in-service elementary teachers. As on date (12.03.2018) 13,78,979 untrained in-service teachers have confirmed admissions at NIOS Portal. NIOS is conducting D.El.Ed. programme through Open Distance Learning (ODL) mode and SWAYAM platform, SWAYAM PRABHA DTH channel are also used for this purpose.

Central Government under erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Teacher Education (CSSTE) and new Integrated Scheme Samagra Shiksha has sanctioned many teacher education institutions across the country, the details are given below:—

TEIs	TEIS Approved under CSSTE		Approved under Samagra Sikhsha	Total No. of TEIs
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	
District Institute of Education and Training (DIETs)	6	9	22	37
Block Institute of Teacher Education (BITEs)	3	0	0	3
TOTAL	9	9	22	40