

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1155  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2021**

**Digital training of teachers**

**1155. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Government has trained more than 30 lakh elementary school teachers digitally, covering the whole gamut of education and will enable the training of 56 lakh school teachers through the National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers for Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and progress made and response received?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) & (b): Yes sir. The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched an initiative to improve learning outcomes at the Elementary level through an Integrated face-to-face Teacher Training Programme called NISHTHA – National Initiative for School Heads’ and Teachers’ Holistic Advancement under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha in August 2019.

Due to COVID-19 challenges and in order to provide continuous professional development opportunities to the teachers at the elementary level, this Department has launched NISHTHA online using DIKSHA platform in October 2020. Around 24 lakh teachers have completed NISHTHA online training at elementary level till June, 2021.

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