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Developing audio and talking books scheme under new education policy

1155 # Shri Ram Shakal:

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

- (a) whether Government has developed the talking books scheme under the new education policy; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b) The National Education Policy – 2020 has mentioned the role of Technology in Education. NEP – 2020 envisions that a rich variety of educational software, for the purposes of teaching-learning and evaluation will be developed and made available for students and teachers at all levels (para 23.4, NEP-2020). All such software will be available in all major Indian languages and will be accessible to a wide range of users including students in remote areas and Divyang students (NEP 2020 23.6, Chapter 23).

The CIET-NCERT is providing books in multiple formats, such as audio, video and accessible format for Divyang students that includes text books in Indian Sign Language (ISL) and talking books. Till date 3211 audio book chapters from NCERT text books for classes 1 to 12 have been developed as audio/talking books and are uploaded on DIKSHA portal, for wider dissemination, free of cost. In addition, the audio content is also available on 230 audio stations (Gyanvani FM stations – 18, Community Radio Stations - 80, All India Radio Stations – 132 and Internet Radio).
