

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3129
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022**

Survey of post COVID learning loss

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

- (a) whether Government has planned a survey on post COVID learning loss of primary school children and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government noticed the concerns expressed at the medical field that the class loss has caused alarming degression in primary level student's abilities and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the idea behind the survey; and
- (d) the way that Government is going to use the data from the survey?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Government of India has conducted National Achievement Survey (NAS 2021) on 12.11.2021 covering (i) Government Schools (Central Government and State Government); (ii) Government Aided Schools; and (iii) Private Unaided Schools to assess the learning levels of students and taking remedial measures for improvement. Subjects covered are Language, Mathematics & EVS for class 3 & 5, Mathematics, Science & Social Science for class 8 and Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Science and English for class 10. About 34 lakh students of 1.18 lakh schools from both rural and urban areas participated in NAS 2021.

(b) This Ministry has undertaken a proactive initiative, named, '**Manodarpan**', covering a wide range of activities to provide psychosocial support to students, teachers and families for Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing during the COVID outbreak and beyond. A Working Group, having experts from the fields of education, mental health and psychosocial issues as its members, has been set up to monitor and promote the mental health issues and concerns of students and to facilitate providing of support to address the mental health and psychosocial aspects during and after COVID-19, through counselling services, online resources and helpline.

(c) & (d) The objective of NAS 2021 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 Report Cards are released and thus the learning gaps identified through these reports provide feedback to the States/UTs and Districts to take remedial measures.
