

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1614
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th March, 2022**

Improving quality of education under NEP

1614. SHRI M.V. SHREYAMS KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various initiatives taken to improve the quality of education from Primary to University level under the new National Education Policy (NEP);
- (b) the amount of funds earmarked for the purpose during the last two years and the current year, year-wise;
- (c) the funds proposed to be allocated to various States including Kerala; and
- (d) whether Government has received any proposals from the State Governments to make education employment oriented at Secondary level so that the students can make an earning after passing Class XII and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): The National Education Policy 2020 recommends various initiatives in school education as well as higher education including technical education.

The following initiatives have been taken by Government of India to improve the quality of education at all levels under the NEP 2020:

1. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha and PM Poshan have been aligned to the recommendation of NEP 2020.
2. National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat) has been launched under SamagraShiksha for ensuring that every child in the country necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) by the end of Grade 3, and e-content for the same has been released in DIKSHA platform.

3. NISHTHA integrated training programme 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0 Integrated Teacher Training Programme has been introduced for different stages of school education for Teachers, Head Teachers/Principals and other stakeholders in Educational Management.
4. Learning Outcomes for the Secondary level have been notified.
5. National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 has been conducted on 12th November 2021 by the Ministry of Education to evaluate children's progress and learning competencies as an indicator of the health of the education system, to take appropriate steps for remedial actions at different levels.
6. A 70 indicator based matrix Performance Grading Index (PGI) has been developed to grade the States/UTs. District level Performance Grading Indices (PGI) has been prepared and a Web application for compilation of PGI-District has been developed.
7. The Structured Assessment for Analyzing Learning levels (SAFAL) framework has been developed by CBSE and launched on 29th July 2021 for Competency-based assessment in CBSE schools for grades 3, 5 and 8 focusing on testing for core concepts, application-based questions and higher-order thinking skills.
8. VIDYA PRAVESH—Guidelines for Three-month Play-based School Preparation Module for Grade-I Children, has been released on 29th July 2021 to ensure that all children are exposed to a warm and welcoming environment when they enter Grade-I.
9. Introduction of Indian Sign Language as a subject at secondary level by National Institute of open Schooling (NIOS).
10. Launch of on-line Module on AI (Artificial Intelligence) for Public Awareness.
11. Guidelines for setting up of Academic Bank of Credit have been issued.
12. Guidelines on Multiple Entry/Exit in Academic Programmes offered in Higher Education Institutions.
13. AICTE has approved 19 colleges offering 1st Year Engineering Programmes in Regional Languages.
14. Guidelines for Internationalisation of Higher Education issued.
15. Framework for National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR) has been issued & National Education Technology Forum (NETF) has been set up.
16. Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) (Mains) and National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (UG) (NEET) are now conducted in 13 languages.

17. To enhance access to students, regulations have been amended enabling more HEIs to offer Online / ODL programmes and also offering of online course component has been increased from 20% to 40% in a degree programme.

18. To promote equity, AICTE has also launched National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT), a PPP initiative, to provide the best-developed ed-tech solutions to SEDG learners free of cost.

(b): Budget allocation of Ministry of Education during 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22 is follows:-

Financial Year	Budget Allocation (Rs. in Cr.)
2019-20(RE)	94853.64
2020-21(RE)	85089.07
2021-22(BE)	93224.31

(c): Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha during 2021-22, the State-wise details of funds allocated to various States including Kerala, are at **Annexure – I**.

(d): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha aims at integrating Vocational Education with general academic education in all Secondary/Senior Secondary schools; enhancing the Employability and Entrepreneurial abilities of the students, providing exposure to the working environment; and generating awareness amongst students about various career options to choose in accordance with their aptitude, competence and aspirations. The scheme covers Government and Government aided schools. Various new interventions under revamped Samagra Shiksha Scheme relating to Vocational Education include the following:

- The provision for Hub and Spoke Model has been made. Under this model, the infrastructure available in the Hub schools is utilised by the students of nearby schools (spoke schools) for vocational training. Under the Hub & Spoke model initiated from this year, 139 Hub schools and 241 Spoke schools have been approved for the year 2021-22.
- Exposure to pre-vocational education at the Upper Primary level, internships, bagless days etc has been included under the Innovation component of Samagra

Shiksha. 6316 Schools are approved for providing Exposure of Vocational Education to Upper Primary in the year 2021-22.

The States submit proposals under the component of Vocationalisation of School Education as part of the Annual Work Plan and Budget of Samagra Shiksha which are considered by the Project Approval Board of Samagra Shiksha.

Till date, 14435 schools have been approved for Vocational Education under Samagra Shiksha. The State-wise details including Kerala, covered under Vocational Education Component of Samagra Shiksha are at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure – I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1614 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI M.V. SHREYAMS KUMAR REGARDING IMPROVING QUALITY OF EDUCATION UNDER NEP

Samagra Shiksha – Funds allocated for Central Releases

(Rs. In lakhs)

SI.No.	Name of the State	2021-22
		Samagra Shiksha
		Funds allocated for Central Releases
1	A & N Islands	5637.45
2	Andhra Pradesh	134853.54
3	Arunachal Pradesh	44215.86
4	Assam	197702.88
5	Bihar	382755.00
6	Chandigarh	10024.09
7	Chhattisgarh	88790.33
8	DND - DNH	6740.66
9	Delhi	31521.05
10	Goa	1861.00
11	Gujarat	100974.38
12	Haryana	82538.73
13	Himachal Pradesh	58166.15
14	Jammu & Kashmir	132021.74
15	Jharkhand	90018.00
16	Karnataka	70761.11
17	Kerala	25221.99
18	Ladakh	9999.72
19	Lakshadweep	573.33
20	Madhya Pradesh	294630.92
21	Maharashtra	101370.47
22	Manipur	37042.52
23	Meghalaya	30584.23
24	Mizoram	22559.99
25	Nagaland	21808.76
26	Odisha	145334.43
27	Puducherry	1514.00
28	Punjab	54353.29
29	Rajasthan	273019.52
30	Sikkim	12249.29
31	Tamil Nadu	164996.08
32	Telangana	88061.37
33	Tripura	31820.19
34	Uttar Pradesh	512311.24
35	Uttarakhand	67262.62
36	West Bengal	133877.32
	Total	3467173.25

Annexure – II

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S. No.	State	Total Schools approved so far	Implementation Status so far
1	A & N	73	49
2	Andhra Pradesh	505	437
3	Arunachal Pradesh	171	99
4	Assam	708	340
5	Bihar	81	0
6	Chandigarh	38	28
7	Chhattisgarh	592	546
8	Daman & Diu and Dadar Nagar Haveli	24	9
9	Delhi	137	101
10	Goa	137	119
11	Gujarat	345	260
12	Haryana	1108	1074
13	Himachal Pradesh	1100	1003
14	Jammu & Kashmir	1067	714
15	Jharkhand	490	388
16	Karnataka	240	150
17	Kerala	247	193
18	Ladakh	34	19
19	Lakshadweep	9	5
20	Madhya Pradesh	1200	1200
21	Maharashtra	666	625
22	Manipur	140	97
23	Meghalaya	92	24
24	Mizoram	52	46
25	Nagaland	53	34
26	Odisha	991	955
27	Puducherry	12	9
28	Punjab	1039	955
29	Rajasthan	1037	905
30	Sikkim	198	194
31	Tamil Nadu	226	184
32	Telangana	292	192
33	Tripura	205	80
34	Uttar Pradesh	200	0
35	Uttarakhand	200	0
36	West Bengal	726	676
	Total	14435	11710