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Implementation of NIPUN Bharat initiative

523 Smt. Sangeeta Yadav:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Government is ensuring the availability and accessibility of high-quality learning materials and resources for NIPUN Bharat initiative especially in aspirational districts of the country;

(b) the extent to which technology been integrated into NIPUN Bharat for enhancing teaching and learning outcomes to the length and breadth of the country especially in aspirational districts of the country; and

(c) the details of challenges being faced in providing learning materials and resources in 22 languages and regional languages in the schools across the country and solutions put forward, if any?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to(c) :As per the recommendation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, under Samagra Shiksha, a dedicated mission ‘National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy’ (NIPUN Bharat) was launched by the Government on 5th July 2021, for ensuring that every child in the country necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy by Grade 2 by 2026-27. Funds for availability and accessibility of high-quality learning- teaching materials and resources for NIPUN Bharat initiatives is provided by Samagra Shiksha to the States and UTs who are further responsible for developing contextual learning teaching material. As a Teaching Learning Material, NCERT has developed Jaadui Pitara-a Collection of learning- teaching material for 3 to 6 years age group. Play and activity based textbooks for classes 1 and 2 have also been prepared and shared with States/UTs(Hindi-“Sarangi”, English-“Mridang”, “Mathematics- Joyful-Mathematics and Anandmay-Ganit” and Urdu- “Shahnai”) fulfilling NEP 2020 and NCF-FS (National Curricular Framework for Foundational Stage) recommendations.

All the newly developed material is applicable for all including aspirational districts of the Country. For the implementation of NIPUN Bharat initiatives, a separate vertical on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) has been developed on DIKSHA(Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing) to ensure availability and accessibility of high quality learning material for the entire nation including aspirational districts.

In order to provide continuous learning opportunities to the teachers at the elementary level, NISHTHA (National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement) online was launched using DIKSHA platform in October 2020 to reach out to elementary teachers and its further extension to all level of teachers. DIKSHA is a unique initiative which leverages existing highly scalable and flexible digital infrastructures, while keeping teachers at the center. For this purpose, NISHTHA Online was created by customizing Modules for Online delivery in the format compatible with DIKSHA Portal. It included multiple approaches for interaction i.e., Text Modules along with videos, Live Sessions by National Level Resource persons on DTH Swayam Prabha TV Channel and Interactive Voice Response System. All these contents are aligned to the three developmental goals and learning outcomes of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN). This vertical carries 2409 contents under the following categories:-

- Assessment sheets - 158
- Gamified contents and assessments- 47
- Infographics- 1177
- Videos- 587
- Worksheets and activity sheets- 424
- Readings- 16

Around 45 lakh teachers have completed NISHTHA online training programme in form of four levels i.e. NISHTHA Elementary ,Secondary, FLN & ECCE.

India is rich in linguistic diversity. Taking support of 'Anuvadini', efforts are being made to translate learning- teaching material in 22 languages. Currently the resources are received and uploaded on NIPUN Bharat Vertical (DIKSHA) which are in Hindi and English language. NCERT is in the process of translating Jaadui pitara material in 22 languages.
