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**Virtual training of teachers**

**990 # Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether any step has been taken by Government for virtual training of teachers regarding new methods of online teaching; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**(Shri Jayant Chaudhary)**

(a) to (b): *National Education Policy 2020 in Para 5.15 and 5.16 emphasizes on the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) of teachers. These paragraph emphasize that Each teacher will be expected to participate in at least 50 hours of CPD opportunities every year for their own professional development, driven by their own interests. CPD opportunities will, in particular, systematically cover the latest pedagogies regarding foundational literacy and numeracy, formative and adaptive assessment of learning outcomes, competency-based learning, and related pedagogies, such as experiential learning, arts-integrated, sports-integrated, and storytelling-based approaches, etc.*

In line with these goals, Ministry of Education is implementing a National Mission to improve learning outcomes through an Integrated Teacher Training Programme called NISHTHA – National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement.

NISHTHA Courses have been launched for Elementary, Secondary, Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) by NCERT.

Virtual trainings of teachers are conducted through NISHTHA courses, that are offered online by the NCERT, on the DIKSHA platform using high-quality professionally made eContent.

It is to be mentioned that all the NISHTHA integrated Teacher Training Programmes have dedicated course modules on use and integration of technology in school education – teaching learning and assessment. More than 65 Lakhs+ teachers have completed NISHTHA Trainings, of which 45 Lakhs+ have completed these courses as Virtual Trainings.

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