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New Programmes under Samagra Shiksha Scheme

123. SHRI K E PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to introduce any new programmes under Samagra Shiksha Scheme to enhance teacher training and professional development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and also, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure the effective execution of such programmes?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): As per recommendations of NEP 2020, the Government has notified Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) and it has been introduced from the academic session 2023-24 in select eminent Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from the academic session 2023-24.

Further, in terms of NEP, 2020, the Government has released a Guiding Document on the National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) and Bluebook on the National Mission for Mentoring (NMM). NPST defines competencies of teachers at different stages/levels. The Bluebook on NMM contains the various modalities for mentoring of school teachers for enhancing their capacity building.

The implementation strategy for NPST & NMM includes handholding and capacity building of all stakeholders, periodic progress reviews, seminars and workshops to exchange best practices, developing e-resources and making them available through the DIKSHA portal and the National Centre for Teacher Quality (NCTQ) developed by NCTE, mobile apps etc.

Financial assistance under Samagra Shiksha is provided to States/UTs for infrastructural upgradation of all 613 functional District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) of the country in a phased manner so that DIETs can effectively function as Centres of Excellence. During the first phase, Rs. 92,320.18 Lakhs has been approved for upgradation of 125 DIETs.

The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched a National Mission to improve learning outcomes through an Integrated Teacher Training Programme called NISHTHA – National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha for Continuous Professional Development (CPD) of teachers. NISHTHA has also been extended to Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) for training of master trainers.
