

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:- 978
ANSWERED ON-29/07/2024

D.El.Ed. Training by National Institute of Open Schooling

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SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the untrained serving teachers had been allowed to pursue Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.) through open and distance mode from National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) keeping in view the Gazette of India Notification dated 28th November, 2014 (Appendix-9) issued by National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE);
- (b) if so, the purpose of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether D.El.Ed. training was to be provided by 31st March, 2019 as per Act and NCTE's notification dated 23rd August, 2010 with regard to training of untrained teachers;
- (d) the details of the amendments made in the Right to Education (RTE) Act in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government is aware that the recognition of D.El.Ed. training by NIOS could not be published through Gazette Notification;
- (f) the time by which it is likely to be published in the Gazette; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard and the time by which the candidates are likely to be given justice and provided jobs?

A N S W E R

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

(a) to (g): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Act, 2017 provides that every teacher appointed or in position as on the 31st March, 2015, who does not possess minimum qualifications as laid down in the Act, shall acquire such minimum qualifications by 31.03.2019. Accordingly, the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) of NCTE granted recognition to National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) under NCTE (Recognition Norms & Procedure) Regulations, 2014 for D.El.Ed (ODL) program through SWAYAM portal of Ministry of Education (MoE) for training of in-service teachers subject to fulfilment of certain conditions vide NRC, NCTE's order dated 22nd September, 2017.

The NRC, NCTE's recognition order w.r.t. D.El.Ed (ODL) Course conducted by NIOS during the year 2017-2019 is uploaded on the website of NCTE and NIOS.

The 18-month D.El.Ed. (ODL) Course conducted by NIOS was envisaged to provide in-service training to elementary teachers teaching in Government, Government-aided, and unaided private recognized schools, to acquire the necessary qualifications. In compliance of the directions issued by Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Patna in CWJC No. 19842 of 2019, the Department and the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), had circulated to all States/UTs to consider the successful candidates of the 18-month D.El.Ed (ODL) Course conducted by NIOS for fresh appointment. However, the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide judgement dated 28.11.2023 issued in SLP(C) Nos. 23583-84 of 2022 has held that the 18 month D.El.Ed (ODL) is not equivalent to the regular 2 year D.El.Ed Course.
