

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:229

ANSWERED ON:23.07.2014

QUALITY OF EDUCATION .

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to evaluate the quality and standard of education being imparted in schools and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(b) whether the Government has introduced or proposes to introduce innovative teaching aids involving technology in schools and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to inculcate elements of critical thinking and self-reflection amongst school children through school curriculum and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the standard and quality of education by introduction of technology in schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 229 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2014 ASKED BY SHRI D.K. SURESH AND SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE REGARDING "QUALITY OF EDUCATION".

(a): The Government of India through the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been conducting National Achievement Surveys (NAS) for classes III, V and VII/VIII to provide information about the learning achievement of students at regular intervals. Till date the NCERT has completed 3 cycles of such surveys. The outcomes of the latest IIIrd cycle of NAS are at Annexure.

(b) : Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), funds are provided to States/UTs for Computer Aided Learning (CAL) at the upper primary level. The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Scheme provides support to States/UTs to establish computer labs on sustainable basis at Secondary Schools.

In addition through NCERT, National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER), online resources meant for teacher and children are made available to schools in partnership with a number of premier institutions in the country.

(c) & (d): The States/UTs have been advised to revise the curriculum in accordance with the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 and the National Curriculum Framework, 2005. The NCF 2005 emphasizes the development of life skills such as critical thinking skills, interpersonal communication skills, negotiation/ refusal skills, decision making/ problem-solving skills, and coping and self-management skills.

Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, annual in-service training to teachers includes training under CAL to build their capacity to utilize computers in the teaching learning process.