

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3232
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09th December, 2019**

Shortage of Yoga Teachers

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to meet the shortage of Yoga teachers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey in view of shortage of yoga teachers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the State of Chhattisgarh, State-wise; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to promote yoga in the country?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (d) : Education is a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and majority of schools, recruitment, service conditions and deployment of teachers including yoga teachers are under the jurisdiction of the State/Union Territory Governments and it is for the respective State/Union Territory Government to take a decision in such matters for their schools.

(e) : National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005 recommended Yoga as an integral part of Health and Physical Education. Health and Physical Education is a compulsory subject from Class I to Class X and optional from Class XI to XII. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has already developed integrated syllabi on Health and Physical Education from Class I to Class X. NCERT organized Yoga Olympiad across the country at various levels, schools from states and UTs, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) schools participated in the Yoga Olympiad, culminating in the National Yoga Olympiad on 18th to 20th June, 2019 at NCERT, New Delhi.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has made Health and Physical Education compulsory in all classes from I-XII. It has been advised to schools that Health and Physical Education includes three areas i.e. Health Education, Physical Education and Yoga and all three areas are essential to achieve holistic health (physical, mental, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual).

The Government has also included Yoga training in the “Study in India” programme to encourage Yoga seekers from abroad to obtain authentic Yoga training in India. UGC has approved the establishment of an Inter University Centre-Yogic Science at Bengaluru and introduced Yoga as a new National Eligibility Test (NET) subject from January 2017 UGC-NET onwards. Yoga Departments have been established in nine Central Universities.

Further Ministry of AYUSH also strives to promote yoga and to create awareness for the benefit of the people. For this purpose an Information Education and Communication (IEC) Scheme, has been devised by the Ministry, activities under which include steps to reach out to people and to create awareness about Yoga and Naturopathy. IEC activities include programs on TV, Radio, Print-media etc. As a part of observation of International Day of Yoga (IDY) on 21st June, the Ministry of AYUSH has reached out to about 2.5 lakh Gram Pradhan with suggested plan of action for Yoga promotion in villages. Common Service Centres (CSCs) of the Ministry of Electronics & IT have also been roped in for promotion of Yoga in rural areas.

Yoga is also a part of the Fit-India Movement. The Department of School Education and Literacy in co-ordination with Department of Sports is organising activities on “Fit India Movement- Fit India School” in schools to inculcate physical activity/sports/yoga into the daily life of Students. Further, the Department circulated advisory to school authorities to make necessary arrangement for the student to view/hear the Fitness Pledge programme and take the Fitness Pledge on 29th August, 2019. Nearly, thirteen lakh schools and eleven Crore students all over the country attended/viewed the programme and took the fitness pledge.
