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The Central Government has financially supported States/UTs on early grade reading, writing & comprehension, and early mathematics programmes, while at upper primary level support is provided for mathematics and science teaching learning. To measure the learning outcomes, the Central government has provided support to States/UTs for conducting State Level Achievement Surveys (SLAS) during 2014-15.

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) conduct the National Achievement Surveys (NAS) at periodic interval to assess the learning levels of children in classes III, V and VIII. Three rounds of NAS have been conducted so far which reveal that the passing percentage of children in class V varies from 50 to 80 in various subjects. These achievement surveys indicate that the learning outcomes have improved in various subjects though they continue to be low.

National Achievement Surveys are conducted for critical stages of school education namely, classes III, V, VIII and X.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha question.

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