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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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EXPLOITATION BY PRIVATE COACHING CENTRES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of huge exploitation of candidates aspiring for higher education in renowned institutions like IITs, IIMs, Medical and Engineering institutions by Private coaching centres;
- (b) if so, details thereof and steps taken to check and monitor activities of mushrooming private training and coaching centres;
- (c) data on total revenue earned by these training and coaching centres located in metropolitan cities across the country in last four years;
- (d) steps taken to control exploitation by private coaching and training centres; and
- (e) measures taken by Government to create a level playing field for aspirants from both rural and urban backgrounds?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (e) National Education Policy 2020 focuses on regular formative assessment for learning rather than the summative assessment that encourages today's 'coaching culture'. In line with this, Ministry of Education has launched Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM) Prabha, which has a dedicated Free-To-Air DTH Channel (IIT-PAL) meant for Class XI and Class XII Students that regularly updates and broadcasts high-quality, visually and graphically enriched content/ tutorial with the aim of preparing students aspiring for competitive exams such as Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET). Further, SATHEE (Self Assessment, Test and Help for Entrance Exams) portal is operational since April, 2022 to impart web based coaching for IIT-JEE and NEET entrance exams in English, Hindi and ten regional languages.

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras has also launched two four-year online Bachelor of Science (BS) programmes, one in Data Science and Applications and another in Electronic Systems in which students who are in class XII can apply and secure admission, without JEE, through an in-built 4-week qualifier process and join the program after they successfully clear Class XII.
