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One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)

1490 # Shri Pradip Kumar Varma:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the plan Ministry is formulating to address the potential overlap between ONOS and individual subscriptions already held by institutions;
- (b) whether additional steps are being taken to improve internet and digital infrastructure to ensure smooth access to ONOS resources in institutions in rural and remote areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government is planning to include private institutions or universities under the ONOS scheme in future stages; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (e): The Government has approved the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) Scheme. There is no potential overlap between journals included under the scheme and those already held by institutions, as cost of subscription for the scholarly journals are being borne by government of India and the institutions need not pay for it. Moreover, other resources not covered in ONOS, like citation databases, e-books, etc. can be subscribed by the Institutions from their own fund. The scheme provides access to scholarly research articles and journal publications to eligible institutions for the calendar years 2025, 2026 and 2027, including the government HEIs in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. More than 6,300 such institutions are covered under the scheme. The scheme envisages online/offline access to scholarly research articles and journal publications to students, faculty and researchers of these HEIs and R&D institutions.

A dedicated portal <https://onos.gov.in> has been developed for accessing the journal articles. Institutions can access the journals through this portal using one of the following two process:

- Large HEIs and R&D organisations which have their fixed IP address can access through this,
- Institutions which do not have a strong enough digital infrastructure can access the scholarly articles made available via ONOS through the INFED facility of the Inflibnet.

The Government of India has also established a National Knowledge Network (NKN) to provide a secure and robust Indian network which interconnects all knowledge institutions across the country through high-speed data communication network to encourage sharing of resources and collaborative research.

The ONOS is for all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) under the management of the Central and State Governments and all Research & Development Institutions under the Central Government.
