GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 32
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025**

Odia language for various online platform

32 **SMT. SULATA DEO:**

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

(a)   whether there is a plan to include Odia as a medium of instruction in central online platforms such as National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), SWAYAM, and Diksha portal, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) :   A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 32 FOR ANSWER ON 23.07.2025 REGARDING ODIA LANGUAGE FOR VARIOUS ONLINE PLATFORM ASKED BY SMT. SULATA DEO HON'BLE (M.P.).

(a): Technology, in alignment with National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 recommendations, has been extensively used for developing courses in different Bhartiya Bhasha. Apart from Odia as a language course, variety of courses in Odia language have been made available on National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) at secondary and senior secondary level. Further, courses are available digitally / on-air and in online mode, at college level on SWAYAM portal and SWAYAM PRABHA. Additionally, DIKSHA, an initiative of the Ministry of Education for digital online education, has various specialised e-content / teaching-learning resources for both students and teachers including 15 primers in languages associated with Odisha of the total 117. States and UTs have their own vertical on DIKSHA alongwith NCERT, CBSE and NIOS. A comprehensive initiative called PM e-Vidya was launched as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan on 17th May, 2020, which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education across the country including the State of Odisha. Out of 200 PM e-Vidya DTH TV Channels the State of Odisha has been allocated 5 channels (Ch No. 138 to 142) to offer high quality education content in Odia language. The National Digital Library of India (NDLI), developed by the Ministry provides digital education and cultural content in 21 languages including Odia. Students at various level of education choose these platforms as per their needs and requirements.

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