

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3932  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2017**

**Massive Online Open Courses**

**3932. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to launch a web portal named 'Swayam' Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCS) platform with a view to offering various online courses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)**

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. Ministry of Human Resource Development has developed an IT portal named 'Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds' (SWAYAM) for offering Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) on anyone, anywhere, anytime – basis. Currently 345 courses are already made available covering from 9<sup>th</sup> Standard to Post Graduation levels on this portal which can be accessed at <https://swayam.gov.in/>. The SWAYAM will ensure that the every student in our country has access to the best quality higher education free of cost.

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