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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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e-Learning

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

- (a) whether any new e-Learning projects have been approved by the Government;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) the status of the ongoing projects and if they are on track to meet their deadlines; and
- (d) if not, the time by which they are likely to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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(a) At present, no new e-Learning Projects have been approved by the Government.

(b) to (d) The key e-Learning Projects running by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) are as follows:

(i) **SWAYAM**: The 'Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds' (SWAYAM) an integrated platform for online courses, using information and communication technology (ICT) and covering school (9th to 12th) to Post Graduate Level. At present, about 1000+ MOOCs Courses are listed on SWAYAM, wherein about 30 Lakhs students have enrolled to these courses. It also offers online courses for students, teachers and teacher educators.

(ii) **SWAYAM Prabha**: SWAYAM Prabha is an initiative to provide 32 High Quality Educational Channels through DTH (Direct to Home) across the length and breadth of the country on 24X7 basis. It has curriculum based course content covering diverse disciplines.

(iii) **National Digital Library (NDL)**: The National Digital Library of India (NDL) is a project to develop a framework of virtual repository of learning resources with a single-window search facility. There are more than 153 Lakhs digital books available through the NDL.

(iv) **ICT@ School SCHEME:** The “Information and Communication Technology in School” (ICT) component of centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) provides for opportunities to secondary stage students to build their capacity in ICT skills and make them learn through computer aided learning process. The Scheme covers Government and Government Aided Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools. The ICT component of RMSA also has a provision for setting up of Smart Schools to act as “Technology Demonstrators” and to propagate ICT skills among students of neighborhood schools.

(v) **e-Pathshala:** e-Books of the resources developed by NCERT, SCERT / SIEs, State Boards etc. SIEs in multiple languages and uploaded on e-Pathshala Website and disseminated through Mobile App (Android, iOS and Windows). e-Pathshala has been listed / made available on the UMANG App of Government of India, which was launched by Hon’ble Prime Minister of India on 23rd November, 2017 during GCCS-2017.

(vi) **Shagun Portal – an Initiative to monitor the implementation of SSA:** A web portal called **ShaGun** (from the words Shaala and Gunvatta) which has two parts i.e., one is a Repository of good practices, photographs, videos, studies, newspaper articles etc. on elementary education, State/UT wise. These would be in the public domain. Its purpose is to showcase success stories and also to provide a platform for all stakeholders to learn from each other. This would also instill a positive competitive spirit among all the States and UTs. The second part is regarding the online monitoring of the SSA implemented by States and UTs and will be accessed by Government Officers at all.

(vii) **Shaala Kosh:** Shaala Kosh is a repository of school data. The Shaala Kosh App for schools aims to reduce the time wasted in academic administrative works and non-academic administrative works in Schools. Streamlining school operations and reducing the administrative burden. Shaala Kosh application in Schools helps in the day-to-day functioning of schools at ease.

(viii) **National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER):** To make digital resources available for teachers and students as free and open source material. To enable the participation of the community in development and sharing of digital resources. To facilitate the adoption and creation of digital resources in different Indian languages.

(ix) **Saransh:** Saransh, developed by CBSE is a tool for comprehensive self-review for schools and parents. It is a data driven analytical solution for tracking performance of students, within schools, state, region and national level.
