

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5741  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018

**Introduction of MOOC System**

5741. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has framed any policy on Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) system in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details regarding introduction and conduct of MOOC system in the country; and
- (c) the likely impact/advantages of MOOC in education system especially distance education in the country?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a) & (b) Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has launched an open holistic MOOC Platform called 'Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds' (SWAYAM) to enable free online learning. The Courses in SWAYAM cover most of the disciplines from Senior Schooling (9th -12th) to Post Graduation level in the field of Science, Social Science, Language, Humanities, Engineering, Management and Teacher Training. Till date, about 1000 MOOCs courses have been listed on SWAYAM in which about 30 Lakhs students have got enrolled. UGC and AICTE have issued regulations for transfer of credits for the students.

(c) The three cardinal principles of Education Policy viz., access, equity and quality would be achieved by providing high quality e-content to all learners in the country through MOOCs courses running on SWAYAM.

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