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MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Courses under SWAYAM Platform

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

- (a) the number of Universities which have come on board in accepting credit transfer for courses done through SWAYAM Platform;
- (b) the number of courses offered under SWAYAM during the current academic year;
- (c) the number of students who have registered under SWAYAM during the current academic year; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide best quality education to students via online platform?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d) The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has embarked on a major and new initiative called 'Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds' (SWAYAM), which provides one integrated platform and MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) portal for online courses, using Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and covering all higher education subjects and skill sector courses. Till date, more than 39 Lakhs learners have been enrolled in more than 1600+ MOOCs courses that have been run through SWAYAM. 60,000 persons have completed the courses. Credit transfer facility up to 20% is enabled through the notification issued by UGC/AICTE- 'Credit Framework for online learning courses through SWAYAM Regulation 2016'. It is the endeavor of MHRD to align the courses on the SWAYAM portal with the curriculum of Universities.

All the courses are interactive, prepared by the best teachers in the country and are available, free of cost. More than 1,000 specially chosen faculty and

teachers from across the Country have participated in preparing these courses. In order to ensure best quality content are produced and delivered, 9 National Coordinators have been appointed: They are, University Grants Commission (UGC) for Post-Graduation Education, Consortium for Education Communication (CEC) for Under-Graduate Education, NPTEL Consortium of 7 Indian Institutes of Technologies & Indian Institute of Science for Engineering, National Council for Education Research & Training (NCERT) & National Institute for Open Schooling (NIOS) for School Education, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) for out of the School Students, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore for Management Studies, National Institute for Technical Teachers' Training (NITTTR) for teachers training program and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for ARPIT Courses (Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching), Self-paced & Courses by Foreign Universities.

The Faculty Development Programmes (FDP) is also being developed through SWAYAM. Fifteen lakh untrained teachers are getting trained under DEIEd programme of NIOS delivered through SWAYAM. The Government has launched Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT), a major and unique initiative of online professional development of 15 lakh higher education faculty using the MOOCs platform of SWAYAM.

92 Universities have come forward in accepting credit transfer for courses done through SWAYAM Platform. The number of courses offered under SWAYAM during the current academic year is 1082 courses. The number of users including students, teachers, professionals, sr. citizens, housewives etc. who have registered for various courses under SWAYAM are 25,57,118 and the registrations during the current academic year are 4,36,431.

The Online Courses delivered on SWAYAM, are going to reduce the digital divide. It shall, turn out to be a disruptive technology and change the present business model of higher education. Since the MOOCs on SWAYAM is integrated with conventional education, it shall bring-in tremendous learning opportunity in coming days and shall prove to be a game changer in the education sector.
