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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 337 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019

High Fees by Coaching Institutes

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that despite increase in incomes, access to quality learning is still far from reality and coaching institutes are charging high fees to prepare students get admission to Government Institutes like NIT, IIT, IIM and AIIMS etc. and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) the measures which taken to cap the high fees by the coaching institutes to help economically weaker students to get access to high quality education; and
- (c) whether the Government is planning to introduce some special scheme to ensure high quality Higher education at an affordable cost to all including economically weaker students and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

to (c) Private Coaching Institutes do not come under the purview of this (a) Ministry. Many of these operate at the school level and hence are under the direct purview of the State Governments. However, this Ministry has issued directions to all State Governments to take steps for effective regulation of such centres. In the interest of students including the most disadvantaged, Government has launched Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), which offers interactive course content such as video lectures, reading material, self-assessment through tests and quizzes and online discussion forum for clearing doubts for students from Class 9 to post-graduation. The content can be accessed free of cost by anyone, anywhere at any time. Another initiative of the Government called Indian Institute of Technology - Professor Assisted Learning (IIT-PAL) provides video content in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics prepared by IIT Professors and Kendirya Vidyalaya (KV) teachers for Class XI and Class XII students aspiring to join IITs and other Institutions. The content is available free of cost on dedicated DTH channels of SWAYAM PRABHA.
