GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1877 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/12/2022

Government Digital Portals/Offline Learning Programmes in Rural Areas

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the access of various Digital Portals of the Government like Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA), Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), e-Pathshala, National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER) etc. particularly in the rural areas;
- (b) whether the offline learning programmes on DD channels, Radios, Community Radios, CBSE podcasts, Toll Free Numbers etc. to help imparting education to the poor students have been started in the rural areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any assessment/survey has been carried out to ascertain the extent of access of the said portals during the pandemic; and
- (e) if so, the details, district-wise especially in West Bengal, Bihar, Amravati in Maharashtra and Haryana?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c) To facilitate the online learning by all students a comprehensive initiative called PM eVIDYA has been initiated as part of AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan on 17th May, 2020,

which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multimode access to education. The initiative includes:

- DIKSHA (one nation, one digital platform) is the nation's digital infrastructure for providing quality e-content for school education in States/UTs and QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades are available on it.
- One earmarked Swayam Prabha TV channel per class from 1 to 12 (one class, one channel).
- Extensive use of Radio, Community radio and CBSE Podcast- Shiksha Vani.
- Special e-content for visually and hearing impaired developed on Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and in sign language on NIOS website/ YouTube.

All these schemes/programmes are available in the public domain to all the students across the nation.

Learning programmes have also being started for all the students in the form of offline learning tools in the form of radio, community radio and CBSE podcasts, toll free numbers, missed call, SMS based requests for audio content, localized radio content for edutainment etc.

(d) & (e) Education being in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools, colleges and university are under the domain of respective State and UT Governments. The Ministry of Education through National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) had conducted a survey related to online teaching learning in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) schools. Based on the outcomes of the survey, Learning Enhancement Guidelines have been issued, which may be accessed at the following links:

https://www.mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Learning_Enhancement_0.pdf

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