

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

Disbursement of Funds for Online Learning

1922. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an audit has been conducted on the disbursement of funds under the various schemes introduced to facilitate online learning;
- (b) if so, the details of disbursement and utilisation of funds, from the date of implementation of said schemes till May, 2021, State-wise for the following schemes -
 - i. SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds)
 - ii. DIKSHA
 - iii. e-PG Pathshala
 - iv. National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL)
 - v. Virtual Labs
 - vi. E-ShodhSindhu
 - vii. National Digital Library of India (NDLI)
 - viii. Swayam Prabha; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Yes Sir, the funds are disbursed under these schemes based on progress, utilization certificates and after due diligence. A 3rd party evaluation of National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) Scheme was conducted by The National Institute for Smart Government (NISG) - a body under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), which submitted its report in October 2020.

The report highlights that 1,39,80,149 learners had enrolled on the SWAYAM Portal during 2017-2020 against an estimated enrolment of 22 Lakh learner expected for the same period, reflecting the vast reach that the project has achieved.

The details of releases/expenditure of funds, are as under:

Scheme/Project Name	Details of Funds released/expenditure (Rs. in Crore)
SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds)	491.11
DIKSHA	10.61
e-PG Pathshala	60.00
National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL)	291.42*
Virtual Labs	154.76
E-Shodh Sindhu	1129.96
National Digital Library of India (NDLI)	64.25
Swayam Prabha	175.86

* This amount is included in total releases under SWAYAM

Utilization of funds is ascertained from utilization certificate submitted by the concerned Project Coordinator/ National Coordinator.
