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Quality of Teaching in NIOS

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quality of teaching has declined in the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of teaching in NIOS?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The quality of teaching in National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has not declined but rather, several measures are taken consistently to maintain and improve the quality of teaching & learning, keeping pace with new development in pedagogy and use of technology. NIOS imparts education through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode using a mix of Self Instructional Print Material (teacher in print) and Audio and Video programmes supported by Personal Contact Programme (PCP) (Counselling Sessions) at Accredited Institutions (AIs). Self Instructional Print Material is also available in 13 regional language medium at secondary level and 7 regional language medium at senior secondary level.

Several digital initiatives have been taken so that learning may be more interesting and understandable such as Live video programmes on e-Vidya, Content Support for NIOS Learners on DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing) platform, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) courses on SWAYAM Platform, Live Personal Contact Programmes (PCPs) through Virtual Open School (VOS) and Web Radio (Mukta Vidya Vani) and Community based programmes on Community Radio (91.2 MHz) of NIOS.

In order to facilitating education of Divyangjans, study material has been developed in Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and in sign language; both are available on NIOS website/YouTube. NIOS has also developed Indian Sign Language (ISL) videos in 8 subjects at secondary and 5 subjects at senior secondary level. NIOS telecast one hour live interactive programmes on e-Vidya channel in sign language. Sign Language Dictionary comprising 36 videos of about 2000 words and sentences has been prepared and is available on NIOS website. NIOS has also developed talking books (daisy/e-Pub format) in 46 subjects at Secondary and Senior Secondary level.
