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Time spent by Students in Coaching Institutes

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the average hours spent by students in coaching institutes, if so, the details thereof, subject-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment on the average expenditure incurred by parents in a year on coaching for undergraduate entrance exams, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been a rise in number of students engaging in tuition classes outside of classroom teaching, if so, the details of the average annual cost incurred on tuition classes;
- (d) whether the Government has taken note a child spends more time in tuition classes as against recreation or extra-curricular activities;
- (e) if so, whether the current scenario of tuition classes consistent with the National Education Policy of holistic development; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the manner in which the Government plans to mitigate this issue?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (f) Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution with majority of schools under the State and UT Government. During the formulation of National Education Policy 2020, a highly participative, inclusive and multi-pronged consultation process, through online, grassroots and thematic expert consultations, involving State Governments was carried out. Also, a large number of consultations was held with different stakeholders viz-a-viz State/UT Governments, Government of India Ministries, Members of Parliament, public etc. During the consultation process, more than 2 lakhs suggestions / inputs were received from various stake-holders on the Draft NEP, 2020. Accordingly, based on all feedback/comments received from various stakeholders, the Ministry finalized the National Education Policy, 2020.

National Education Policy 2020 focuses on regular formative assessment for learning rather than the summative assessment that encourages today's 'coaching culture'.

Government intends to mitigate the same through use of technology and multi-modal education delivery.

In line with this, Ministry of Education has launched Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM) Prabha, which has a dedicated Free-To-Air DTH Channel (IITPAL) meant for Class XI and Class XII Students that regularly updates and broadcasts high quality, visually and graphically enriched content/ tutorial with the aim of preparing students aspiring for competitive exams such as Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET). Further, IIT-JEE CUET (UG) and NEET entrance exams are being conducted in thirteen (13) languages.

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras has also launched two four-year online Bachelor of Science (BS) programmes, one in Data Science and Applications and another in Electronic Systems in which students who are in class XII can apply and secure admission, without JEE, through an in-built 4-week qualifier process and join the program after they successfully clear Class XII.

In order to help the students to practice well for NEET (UG) and JEE (Main) entrance examinations, National Testing Agency (NTA), has launched a Mobile App 'National Test Abhyas' to facilitate candidates' access to high quality mock tests online free of cost.
